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Capt. Jeff Paine, right, commander of Headquarters and Headquarters Company for 1-4 Cavalry, greets his first sergeant, Brent Jurgensen, during welcome ceremonies Friday at Com Barracks in Schweinfurt, Germany.



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## Warrior keeps his promise

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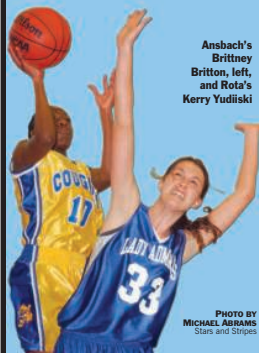
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## News Tracker ... What's new with old news

## States

**Koko caretakers' lawsuit:** A third woman has filed a lawsuit claiming a caretaker for Koko, the world-famous sign-language-speaking gorilla, pressured her to expose her breasts as a way to bond with the animal. Iris Rivera, 39, sued the Gorilla Foundation this week in San Mateo County Superior Court in Woodside, Calif., saying the foundation's president, Francine Patterson, repeatedly told her to expose her breasts.

**Blake murder trial:** The prosecution and defense both rested their cases in the Robert Blake murder trial, with the prosecution calling a writer for a tabloid newspaper as its last rebuttal witness. "All sides have rested and the case is now concluded," Judge Darlene Schempp told the Los Angeles jury Friday. Closing arguments were scheduled for Wednesday.

**Jackson abuse trial:** A judge has ruled that Michael Jackson's lawyers can present evidence at his child molestation trial that his accuser's mother has made abuse charges in the past.

The allegations relate to the credibility of the accuser's family. The defense is expected to portray them as after Jackson's money.

Jackson, 46, is accused of molesting a 13-year-old at his Neverland ranch in Santa Barbara County, plying the boy with alcohol and conspiring to hold him and his family captive.

**Los Alamos security:** Employees who quit their jobs at Los Alamos National Laboratory regularly failed to turn in security badges and complete other measures to ensure they no longer had access to classified information or nuclear material, according to a report released Friday.

The inspector general of the U.S. Department of Energy, which oversees the northern New Mexico nuclear weapons lab, began investigating last year after concerns that computer disks and other lab property containing secret information might have been going home with departing employees.

Ten percent of the 1,668 employees who left between Jan. 1, 2002, and Feb. 25, 2004, did not turn in their badges, according to the report.

**Public prayer:** Congress and legislatures can open their sessions with prayers, but a federal judge ruled Friday that school boards do not have the same leeway.

Ruling in a lawsuit brought by a parent against a southeastern Louisiana school system, Judge Ginger Berrigan said school-sponsored prayers in classes or at other school functions have long been prohibited as a violation of First Amendment guarantees against government-established religion.

School boards are integral parts of school systems, she said.

Chris Moody, a lawyer for the school board, said he believes an appeal is likely.

**CBS Guard story:** A producer involved in CBS's discredited report on President



**Calif. weather:** Cold and wet cows are mired up to their udders in mud and standing water due to the rain that has deluged the region in China, Calif. Rain, hail and lightning saturated Southern California on Friday, and authorities warned of avalanche danger on a towering mountain. The unusually heavy rains — 33.87 inches in Los Angeles so far this season — have sent hillsides slumping, damaging or destroying many homes and roads.

Bush's National Guard service resigned Friday, nearly two months after an independent report criticized the handling of the story.

Mary Murphy, another producer and an executive were asked by CBS to leave because of the "60 Minutes Wednesday" report, but she was the first to do so. A third producer, Mary Mapes, was fired.

**Zeta-Jones stalker:** A woman pleaded no contest Friday to stalking and threatening actress Catherine Zeta-Jones.

Dawnette Knight, 33, entered the plea to one felony count of stalking and three felony counts of making criminal threats. She could face up to five years in prison.

Knight was accused of sending threatening and violent letters to acquaintances of the actress, including her agent and her husband, actor Michael Douglas.

**Ill. capital punishment:** A group of lawmakers pushing for an end to Illinois' moratorium on executions want to replace the "guilt beyond a reasonable doubt" standard to "guilt beyond any doubt" for the penalty phase of capital cases, saying that will minimize the risk of the wrong person being put to death.

The proposal Friday drew criticism from supporters and opponents of the death penalty, but the legislators said it could help stop the sort of wrongful convictions that led then-Gov. George Ryan to halt all executions in 2000.

**Peterson motion:** Lawyers for convicted killer Scott Peterson filed a motion Friday requesting a new trial.

The 122-page request was immediately sealed. Judge Alfred Delucchi said the document will not be made public until March 9, after the prosecution files its response.

Delucchi also set a March 16 sentencing date for Peterson, who was convicted in November for murdering his pregnant wife, Laci. A jury recommended death, but the

judge must formally impose the sentence.

**Anti-terror statute:** The leader of a Ku Klux Klan splinter group received a 12-year prison sentence Friday in the nation's first federal conviction under a new anti-terror statute.

David Wayne Hull, 42, of Amwell Township, Washington County, taught another man how to use a pipe bomb at a November 2002 white supremacist gathering on Hull's property. He also gave bomb parts to the other man, a government informant who posed as a violent anti-abortion activist.

## Military

**Desertion case:** An Army mechanic who refused to deploy to Iraq for a second tour of duty will be court-martialed on desertion charges, officials said Friday.

Sgt. Kevin Benderman, 40, missed his unit's deployment flight Jan. 7 after giving his commanders notice 10 days earlier that he planned to seek a discharge as a conscientious objector.

Port Stewart commanders contend Benderman had an obligation to deploy with his unit, the 3rd Forward Support Battalion of the 3rd Infantry Division, while the Army processed his objector application.

Benderman will be tried by a general court-martial, the most serious form of court-martial, on charges of desertion and missing movement.

## War on terrorism

**Foreign troops in Iraq:** Albania said Friday it will add 50 troops to its army unit in Iraq. The number of soldiers will grow from 71 to 121 when the current contingent is replaced in April, government spokesman Aldin Dalipi said.

"The Albanian government expressed its full will to continue Albania's direct contribution in the fight against terrorism and strengthening of democracy in postwar Iraq and elsewhere," Dalipi said.

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# Soldier fulfills pledge made to his troops

Despite horrible injuries, 1st Sgt. Jurgensen greets his unit as they return from Iraq

BY STEVE LIEWER

Stars and Stripes

SCHWEINFURT, Germany — First Sergeant kept his word.

One month after a rocket-propelled grenade blew off his leg, mangled his arm and tore a gash in his head while his convoy patrolled in Iraq, 1st Sgt. Brent Jurgensen fulfilled a pledge he made to troops of the 1st Squadron, 4th Cavalry Regiment when they left for the Middle East a year ago. He vowed he would personally lead them home.

So he and his wife, Karin, flew home to Schweinfurt last week from Walter Reed Army Medical Center in Washington, where he awoke from a drug-induced coma less than three weeks ago. On Wednesday night, Jurgensen — the non-commissioned officer-in-charge of 1-4 Cavalry's headquarters troop — greeted 80 of his soldiers behind a curtain in the gym at Conn Barracks.

Then he led them out.

"He made a promise to his men. He kept it," Karin Jurgensen said. "That's who he is."

Jurgensen's appearance so soon after his second near-fatal injury in Iraq electrified his troops, who did not know he had come home. They clapped for several minutes when they saw him.

"It was like the Academy Awards — just nonstop applause," said Master Sgt. Todd Shippy, 40, of Spartanburg, S.C., who helped rescue the injured Jurgensen from the Humvee Jan. 26, and who took his place as the troop's NCOIC. "There was not a dry eye in the gymnasium."

Last June, Jurgensen, 42, of Clinton, Iowa, suffered a gunshot wound to the face during an ambush near Ad Duluyah, Iraq. He spent four months in Germany, enduring a series of surgeries on his mouth and upper jaw. Despite warnings from fellow troops, he returned to Iraq in October.

Then in late January, Jurgensen was part of a patrol inspecting polling sites a few days before Iraq's historic national elections. Two insurgents fired grenades at his trail Humvee. His gunner, Sgt. William Kinzer, died instantly. Jurgensen stayed alive, barely.

"He died two times on the [operating] table," Karin Jurgensen said. "God's intervened to save this man twice."

He worked furiously to be well enough to fly to Germany to meet his troops. Jurgensen's doctors cleared him about 10 days ago, and a Vietnam veteran bought airline tickets for the couple.

Between Wednesday and Friday, Jurgensen greeted about 300 1-4 Cavalry troops as they arrived in Schweinfurt.

Like Jurgensen, the squadron has endured a year of loss and pain. Ten of its men died, all in ambushes, and dozens more earned Purple Hearts. In spite of daily patrols, searches and arrests, the insurgency raged throughout the year.

But the 1-4 Cavalry also played a lead role in the successful assault that freed Samarra from terrorists, supervised the reconstruction of health clinics and schools, trained Iraqi soldiers, secured polling sites on election day and modernized their own bases.

And, Jurgensen said, the unit is quite different from the one that left Schweinfurt a year ago.

"The squadron is a close, tight-knit family now," he said. "I've seen kids, amateur soldiers, grow into men really quick."

His troops said it felt good but strange to be back in Germany after a year in Iraq. And several said it comforted them to see their first sergeant again.

"I just had to pay my respects and shake his hand," said Spc. Tyson Winingham, 22, of Hutchinson, Kan. "He doesn't give up."

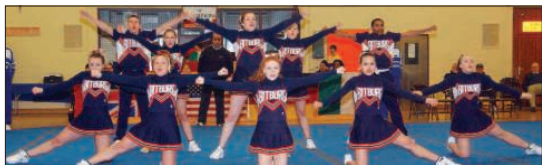
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First Sgt. Brent Jurgensen, twice badly injured in Iraq, greets his former driver, Spc. Kevin Pape, during a Friday homecoming celebration for the 1st Infantry Division's 1st Squadron, 4th Cavalry Regiment, at Conn Barracks in Schweinfurt, Germany. The unit is currently returning from a yearlong tour of Iraq.

## Cheerleading squads face off at DODDS European championships



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Stars and Stripes

Above: The Bitburg Barons won the Division II title for the fifth year in a row at the DODDS European cheerleading championships in Mannheim on Saturday. They also took the division "Spirit" award. SHAPE finished second and Mannheim third in the division. Second right: Kaiserslautern's Ashlee Wynn was named to the all-Division cheerleading squad. Right: The Rota Admirals won the Division III title and captured the "Spirit" award, while Ansbach and Bamberg finished second and third. In Division IV, Iceland, Menwith Hill and Ankara finished in the top three spots, with Lajes winning the spirit award.



The Lakenheath Lancer cheerleaders form a pyramid during their routine at the DODDS European cheerleading championships in Mannheim, Germany. Lakenheath took the Division I title, with Kaiserslautern third. Kaiserslautern won the "Spirit" award for the division. Thirty teams in four divisions took part in the competition.

# Professor stirs debate over Naval Academy's admissions process

BY MOLLY KNIGHT

The Baltimore Sun

ANNAPOLIS, Md. — A U.S. Naval Academy professor's published claims that the college's admissions process is severely flawed has generated a storm of controversy at the military college, including a rebuke from the school's superintendent.

Bruce Fleming, an 18-year faculty member who spent one year on the admissions board, challenges the academy's admissions policies in an article in this month's *Proceedings*, a national defense magazine.

In an article titled "The Academy Can Do Better," Fleming criticizes preventive treatment for three groups he calls the "set-asides": applicants who are minorities, athletes or already members of the fleet.

"Admission to the Naval Academy is academically competitive for only about half the class," Fleming writes.

The article unleashed a torrent of e-mails from midshipmen to Fleming. The professor said about half of the messages contained expressions of support, while the other half attacked his claims. One e-mail threatened him, Fleming said.

The article also prompted a stinging letter earlier this month from Vice Adm. Rodney P. Rempt, the school's superintendent. In it, Rempt wrote that he

was "surprised and disappointed" by the professor's article.

The controversy comes at a time when the role of race in the university admissions process has become a national discussion. In 2003, the Supreme Court narrowly upheld the right of public colleges to consider race in admissions procedures, but struck down a point system used by the University of Michigan's undergraduate for minority applicants.

Fleming wrote that the ruling shows that racial admissions policies are illegal, but Rempt countered in his letter that this view "ignores the lengthy legal review and findings reached by the Navy" following the decision.

R. Lawrence Purdy, a Naval Academy graduate and an attorney with the Minnesota-based firm that represented the plaintiffs in the Supreme Court case, said he could not comment on the academy's admissions policies.

However, he added, "I can say that if the admissions personnel is engaged in what Mr. Fleming described, then I believe those sorts of policies are a clear violation of the Constitution."

Admission into the Naval Academy is extremely competitive. On average, about 1,000 of the more than 12,000 who apply to the academy each year are accepted. To apply, students must be nominated by a public official (such as a member of Congress or the president) and pass a fitness test, among other requirements.



RICK EMERY/Stars and Stripes

Service Credit Union teller Lisa Bonnes counts money raised by Bamberg Elementary School sixth-grade students as they all squeeze up to the window Thursday. The sixth-grade classes raised more than \$300 of the approximately \$1,300 collected by the school pupils for tsunami relief.

## Bamberg students raise money for tsunami relief

BY RICK EMERY

Stars and Stripes

BAMBERG, Germany — Bamberg Elementary School pupils learned that a penny saved is more than \$800 earned for tsunami victims.

Pupils from the third and sixth grades collected \$863 in pocket change, and a used-book fair raised about \$500 more to be donated to tsunami relief efforts.

The sixth-grade pupils — who are among several groups on U.S. bases in Europe that have helped raise money for the relief effort — took their collected money to the Service Credit Union on Warner Barracks on Thursday.

Money donated at Service Credit Union branches worldwide by Monday will be matched, up to a total of \$50,000, by the credit union and sent to AmeriCares, which has guaranteed that 100 percent of the donations will go to tsunami victims, said Modesto Polintan, Bamberg branch manager.

"Every student contributed," said Karen Roeder, a sixth-grade teacher.

"There was 100 percent participation," Roeder said she and the pupils began brainstorming on what they could do to help the day after winter break ended. The official death toll from the tsunami,

which hit communities in 11 South Asian and African countries on Dec. 26, has been placed at between 171,000 and 182,000. More than 125,000 are missing, with most presumed dead.

"They wanted to do something," Roeder said. "They came up with the idea of collecting change, and two students from other classrooms went door-to-door to collect \$100."

"We wanted to do something to help the people who were affected by the tsunami," said Britany Starr, a sixth-grader. "I hope the money we collected really helps them."

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### Senior airman pleads guilty to cocaine use

AVIANO AIR BASE, Italy — A 704th Munitions Squadron senior airman from Ghedi Air Base pleaded guilty to cocaine use in a court-martial Wednesday, according to base officials.

Timothy Garner also pleaded guilty to making a false official statement and was sentenced to three months' confinement, reduction in rank to E-1 and a bad-conduct discharge.

From staff reports



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Members of the POL team wait for an onslaught of balls from the opposition during a dodgeball tournament held Saturday at Aviano Air Base in Italy.

## Aviano dodgeball gets competitive

BY KENT HARRIS

Stars and Stripes

AVIANO AIR BASE, Italy — There wasn't a whole lot of strategy at work on the court.

But that wasn't too surprising, considering that those participating in a dodgeball tournament Saturday at the base fitness center hadn't played the sport in a while.

How long? "Fifth grade. No maybe seventh grade, I guess," said Airman Matt Selvine.

"Second grade," guessed Tech Sgt. Charles Williams.

"Fourth grade," Senior Master Sgt. Jim Clark said.

"It's a game everybody used to play as a kid," said Capt. Wade Williams. "The big kids would hit the young kids with [the ball]. At least that's how I remember it."

Thanks mainly to the movie starring Ben Stiller and Vince Vaughn, the game has recently gained popularity with adults. Several U.S. Air Forces in Europe bases have had tournaments. On Saturday, the two base gyms in Aviano featured 22

teams tossing neon green balls at one another.

That's one change that several participants talked about. Most remember a larger, red ball.

"The ball seemed to hurt a lot more when I was younger," Williams said.

And while some played a more open game growing up, there were rules Saturday. Six players on each team. Six balls, placed in the center. Stay within the white lines of the volleyball court unless retrieving a ball.

Stay beyond the red line when throwing. No targeting above the shoulders. Get hit with a ball and you're out. Catch the ball and the thrower is out.

Robby England, the base sports program director, said most of the rules came from the Internet. The tourney was put on under the auspices of Project Cheer and sponsored by the fitness center at the Aviano Top 3 club.

England, who spent all day watching games, said he couldn't define a basic strategy.

"A lot of it's luck," he said.

While most of those participating were young and male, there were exceptions. The 31st Medical Group entered a team mostly made up of women.

And a group of mostly older airman from the 31st Civil Engineer Squadron (maintenance engineering) made it all the way to the finals before losing.

The probable favorites, though, ended up winning. The biggest challenge a team from the 31st Security Squadron seemed to have was spelling.

Its team name, Centurions, was mangled repeatedly throughout the tournament bracket. However it was spelled, it kept on getting posted in the winner's spot.

"I think everyone hates us out here," Senior Airman Nickolas Hinton said.

That might not have been the case before the final round, but it certainly was when the last opponent was eliminated.

England said those hungering for revenge will probably get a chance in March.

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# Lakenheath teacher enters dogs in Crufts

## 2 Schipperkes have chance to win top honor

BY RON JENSEN  
Stars and Stripes

RAF LAKENHEATH, England — Two of the 23,000 canines competing to be top dog at one of the world's premier shows next month belongs to the music resource specialist at Lakenheath Elementary School.

Kiri and Nemo, two Schipperkes raised by Mary Deats, will be at the 115th annual edition of Crufts. The show, held in Birmingham, England, is sponsored by the Kennel Club and officially recognized by the Guinness Book of Records as the world's largest dog show.

Deats, in her 31st year as a teacher with the Department of Defense Dependents Schools, all of them in England, has been showing dogs off and on at the show for 25 years. Her dogs have won the best of breed competition "quite a few times," she said in a recent interview.

Sara Ward, a press spokeswoman, said the competitors, named for Charles Crufts, who organized the first one 115 years ago, is not open to just anyone with a canine.



PHOTO BY RON JENSEN/Stars and Stripes

Mary Deats, a music resource specialist at Lakenheath Elementary School, will take two of her dogs to compete in Crufts.

Competitors must have proved their mettle at other championship dog shows, including 36 in England, she said. Participants will come from 26 countries, including the United States.

"You've got to qualify your dog at one of these shows to show at



Photo courtesy of Les Denam

Kiri, a registered Schipperke belonging to Mary Deats, will be competing next month in the world's largest dog show, sponsored by the Kennel Club at Birmingham, England.

Crufts," she said in a telephone interview.

The show is a big spectator event. Ward said 12,000 people would show up during the March 10-13 competition.

Deats said her mother showed dogs and she picked up the hobby

when she arrived in England and attended the Crufts show in 1976.

"That's when I went looking for a dog," she said.

She settled on the Schipperke — pronounced SKIP-er-kee — a small, highly intelligent dog with a face like a fox. The breed comes

from Belgium, where it was commonly found accompanying boatmen on the country's canals.

Deats has become somewhat of an expert on the breed. She writes a column on Schipperkes for Dog World, an international magazine.

And she has made a name for herself by judging a variety of breeds at dog shows in several countries. She explained what judges look for while watching the dogs put through their paces.

"The judge carries in his or her memory the breed standard," Deats said. That means the dog is judged against the perfect example of its breed in such things as look, characteristics, temperament and movement, and for that "undefinable" quality known as ring presence — "the wow factor," as Deats put it.

That's why dogs from different breeds can compete against one another for best of show, she said. The judge is evaluating each animal against the standard of its own breed.

Deats said her involvement in the world of dog shows has given her a life and segment of friends beyond the walls of the schoolhouse. But she said it is really the animals that appeal to her.

"If they were to cancel the shows tomorrow, I would still miss my dogs," she said. "I can't imagine life without them."

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Maj. Mohammed Ali Abdul al-Mutalib leads a team of Iraqi soldiers dredging the canal for the bodies of three American soldiers.

# Humvee tragedy forges brotherhood of soldiers

## Americans gain new respect for Iraqi counterparts

BY STEVE FAINARU  
The Washington Post

BALAD, Iraq — When the Iraqi troops arrived that morning, three American servicemen lay dead at the bottom of the Isaki Canal.

The body of a fourth, Sgt. Rene Knox Jr., 22, had been recovered from a submerged Humvee. Patrolling without headlights around 4:30 a.m., Knox had overshot a turn. His vehicle tumbled down a concrete embankment and settled upside down in the frigid water.

During the harrowing day-long mission to recover the bodies of the Humvee's three occupants on Feb. 13, an Air Force firefighter also drowned. Five U.S. soldiers were treated for hypothermia. For five hours, three Navy SEAL divers searched the canal before their tanks ran out of oxygen.

What happened then, however, has transformed the relationship between the Iraqi soldiers and the skeptical Americans who train them.

Using a tool they welded themselves that day at a cost of about \$40, the Iraqis dredged the canal through the cold afternoon until the tan boot of Spec. Dakotah Gooding, 21, of Des Moines, Iowa, appeared at the surface. The Ira-

qis then jumped into the water to pull him out, and went back again and again until they had recovered the last American.

Then they stood atop the canal, shivering in the dark. "When I saw those Iraqis in the water, fighting to save their American brothers, I saw a glimpse of the future of this country," said Col. Mark McKnight, commander of the 1st Brigade, 3rd Infantry Division, which had overall responsibility for the unit in the accident, his eyes tearing.

Pfc. Russell Naveh, 23, of Arlington,

Tex., said he was crying for his brothers, too.

The tragedy on Feb. 13 began when 11 soldiers from the 3rd Platoon, Charlie Company, of the 5th Battalion, 7th Cavalry Regiment, set out from Camp Paliwoda, 50 miles north of Baghdad. Their four Humvees headed toward Balad's western outskirts, from where the Americans believed insurgents had fired rockets at the base. The convoy stopped at an intersection along a dirt road with a canal on the other side. When the vehicles turned back, the second Humvee was missing.

The Humvee was upside down in the middle of the 50-foot-wide canal. None of the three soldiers appeared to be alive. But the platoon raced to get them out of the water.

Two Black Hawk helicopters arrived. They carried Air Force firefighters from the 732nd Expeditionary Civil Engineer Squadron, dispatched from nearby Logistics Support Area Anasonda (Air Force officers declined to discuss details of the incident because of a pending investigation.) Within moments, the airmen were also struggling for their lives, the soldiers said. Neither air-



A Navy SEAL searches in vain for the bodies of three American servicemen at Isaki Canal in Balad, Iraq.

man could get out of the canal; one clutched desperately at the embankment but couldn't get hold, the soldiers said. He slowly began to float away.

At that point, the Iraqi soldiers showed up.

The Americans had not called the Iraqis for assistance. About 7 a.m., Sgt. Maj. Maitham Hadi Naoum of the Iraqi army's 203rd Battalion woke up to see U.S. Apache attack helicopters circling the western edge of Balad. He radioed the battalion commander, Col. Shujaa Jawad Hussein, and another officer, Maj. Mohammed Ali Abdul al-Mutalib.

The commanders gathered every soldier they could find and headed to the canal. Asked why he felt so strongly about helping the Americans, Abdul al-Mutalib said through an interpreter: "These people come 10,000 miles to help my country. They've left their fami-

**"These people come 10,000 miles to help my country. They've left their families, their children. When we get hurt, they help treat us and take [us] to hospitals. If we can give them something back, just a little, we can show our thanks."**

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Iraq's 203rd Battalion

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**Col. Mark McKnight**  
Commander of the 1st Brigade,  
3rd Infantry Division

ton, Texas, a medic whose platoon was involved in the accident, said he arrived in Iraq this month with preconceptions about the Iraqi forces. The actions of the Iraqis that Sunday "changed my mind for how I felt about these guys," he said. "I have a totally different perspective now. They were just so

lies, their children. When we get hurt, they help treat us and take [us] to hospitals. If we can give them something back, just a little, we can show our thanks."

While the SEALs combed the canal, the Iraqis went to a Balad auto repair shop and built their own piece of dredging equipment. The tool they created looked like a 20-foot length of rusted bed frame, with 11 curved pieces of rebar hastily welded to it.

The Iraqis returned to the canal in the early afternoon and began working both sides of the canal in 10-man teams. They lowered the tool into the water with ropes, dredged, then dredged some more. A U.S. military truck pulled up with food for the rescuers. The Iraqis hadn't eaten all day. The U.S. soldiers lined up at the truck, heaping their plates with food. Instead of feeding themselves, they fanned out, distributing the plates to the Iraqis.

# Saboteurs blow up oil pipeline in Dibs

BY SAMEER N. YACIOUB

The Associated Press

**BAGHDAD** — An oil pipeline in northern Iraq was ablaze Saturday after saboteurs blew it up in the latest attack against the country's vital petroleum industry. In the capital, a roadside bomb killed two people, officials and witnesses said.

The U.S. military also said a soldier died during a sweep for insurgents west of Baghdad.

The violence came one day after the government announced the arrest of a man it described as a key figure in the country's most feared terrorist group, and a top official said the noise was tightening around the group's leader, Abu Musab al-Zarqawi.

The pipeline connecting oil fields in Dibs with the northern city of Kirkuk about 20 miles away was blown up late Friday, an official of the state-run North Oil Co. said on condition of anonymity. He said repairs would take at least four days.

Insurgents regularly target Iraq's oil infrastructure, cutting exports and denying the country funds that are badly needed for reconstruction.

In Baghdad, insurgents detonated a roadside bomb in the west of the city, killing two civilians. Their slumped bodies could be seen in a small white car, its windshield smashed in the blast.

It was not clear whom the attack targeted. U.S. Lt. Col. Clifford Kent said an American tank was nearby at the time of the blast, but it was not damaged.



An unidentified man sifts through the shattered window of a shot-up car after clashes between U.S. forces and insurgents in central Ramadi, an insurgent stronghold 70 miles west of Baghdad, on Saturday. A U.S. operation to sweep out insurgents in Ramadi and other Euphrates River cities began a week ago.

One Iraqi said he was on his way to work when the bomb detonated.

"We just arrived near those tanks (when) the blast occurred. And as you see, blood soaked us for doing nothing," Mohammed al-Duleimi said.

To the south, a suicide car bomber killed an Iraqi National Guardsman and wounded seven people near Musayyib, police Capt. Muthana Khalid said. Musayyib is about 50 miles south-

west of Baghdad.

Earlier, a car bomb exploded near a convoy of Iraqi National Guardsmen in Iskandariyah, which also is south of Baghdad, witnesses said. No casualties were reported.

The U.S. command on Saturday announced the death a day earlier of a U.S. soldier west of the capital in Anbar province, where the military launched a massive sweep last week to root out insurgents.

## U.S. deaths in Iraq

The Associated Press

As of Friday, at least 1,491 members of the U.S. military have died since the beginning of the Iraq war in March 2003, according to an Associated Press count. At least 1,130 died as a result of hostile action, according to the Defense Department.

The figures include four military civilians.

The AP count is 11 higher than the Defense Department's tally, last updated at 10 a.m. EST Friday.

The British military has reported 86 deaths; Italy, 20; Ukraine, 18; Poland, 17; Spain, 11; Bulgaria, seven; Slovakia, three; Estonia, Thailand and the Netherlands, two each; and Denmark, El Salvador, Hungary, Latvia and Kazakhstan one each.

Since May 1, 2003, when President Bush declared that major combat operations in Iraq had ended, 1,353 U.S. military members have died, according to AP's count. That includes at least 1,021 deaths resulting from hostile action, according to the military's numbers.

The latest deaths reported by the military:

■ Three soldiers were killed Friday in northern Baghdad when an explosive detonated near their patrol.

■ One soldier died Friday in Baghdad of non-combat injuries.

■ One soldier was killed Thursday in Anbar province, Iraq.

The latest identifications reported by the military:

■ Army Staff Sgt. Daniel G. Gresham, 23, Lincoln, Ill., killed Thursday when an explosive detonated while he responded to an earlier explosion; assigned to the 797th Ordnance Company, 79th Ordnance Battalion, 52nd Ordnance, Fort Sam Houston, Texas.

■ Army Sgt. Jacob C. Palmatier, 29, Springfield, Ill., killed Thursday when an explosive detonated near his vehicle in Muqadadiyah, Iraq; assigned to the 1st Battalion, 30th Infantry Regiment, 3rd Brigade, 3rd Infantry Division, Fort Benning, Ga.

■ Army Sgt. Nicholas J. Olivieri, 26, Ruston, La., killed Wednesday when an explosive detonated in Baghdad, assigned to the Army National Guard, 3rd Battalion, 156th Infantry Regiment, Pineville, La.

The military operation included vehicles equipped with loudspeakers, which drove through city streets offering \$25 million for information leading to the ar-

rest of al-Zarqawi — believed to be one of the masterminds behind a wave of car bombings, kidnappings, and beheadings across Iraq.

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## Shiites rally for Al-Jaafari after cleric's endorsement

BY SAMEER N. YACIOUB

The Associated Press

**BAGHDAD** — Shiite political dissenters who threatened to withdraw their support from the United Iraqi Alliance's choice for prime minister rallied around Ibrahim al-Jaafari Saturday after his endorsement by Iraq's most influential cleric.

The Shiite Political Council, which has about 30 members, is soon to be installed National Assembly, had threatened to withdraw from the main United Iraqi Alliance after the latter group nominated al-Jaafari on Tuesday for the powerful post.

It complained that the clergy-backed alliance, which won 140 seats in the Jan. 30 elections, had forced the withdrawal of the man they were backing for premier — the secular Shiite Ahmad Chalabi.

The alliance has been negotiating with other parties to gain another eight seats, but that would still be far short of the majority it needs to get its way in the 275-member assembly, where a two-thirds majority is needed for serious decision taking — including electing the president.

But the group decided to back al-Jaafari after Grand Ayatollah

Ali al-Sistani, the nation's most influential Shiite cleric, "gave his blessings to the nomination" on Friday, said Ali Faisal, the council's political coordinator.

The council had threatened to withdraw unless one of its members was nominated for the largely ceremonial post of president — a post the Kurdish coalition considers to be reserved for one of their leaders.

Al-Jaafari is the leader of the conservative Islamic Dawa Party and one of the country's two current interim vice presidents.

Incumbent interim Prime Minister Ayad Allawi's Iraq List has also been trying to win the Shiite Political Council's support.

To make any headway, however, Allawi would have to win support from a Kurdish coalition controlling 75 of the seats.

A senior official in the Kurdistan Democratic Party, Abdul Salam Berwari, renewed demands that oil-rich Kirkuk in the north be included in their autonomous enclave and that Jalal Talabani, a secular Sunni Kurd and leader of Patriotic Union of Kurdistan be Iraq's next president.

Berwari said all Iraqi parties should be allowed to take part in writing the constitution, even if they boycotted the elections.

# U.S. braces for surge in Afghanistan violence

BY STEPHEN GRAHAM

The Associated Press

KABUL, Afghanistan — The U.S. military is bracing for a new surge in militant violence in Afghanistan, a spokesman said Saturday, a day after one of its top commanders warned against any drawdown in American troops.

Taliban officials have rebuffed a U.S.-backed amnesty program and vowed to go on the offensive as the weather improves after a particularly harsh winter. Ten militants were killed and a U.S. soldier injured in clashes on Thurs-

## As winter subsides, officials believe rebel attacks will increase

day in southern Afghanistan.

Local officials had also reported nine Afghan troops killed in a separate clash, but the Interior Ministry on Saturday disputed that account, saying in a press release that the nine dead were armed men with no connection to any Afghan security forces.

The ministry speculated the clash in Helmand province might have been a feud between drug gangs, and said an investigation is under way.

After reports of the deaths, purported Taliban spokesman Mullah Latif Hakimi claimed responsibility for the attack. About half a dozen people claim to speak for the rebel group, but it is often impossible to independently verify their accounts.

"I think we can expect more attacks," U.S. spokesman Maj. Steve Wollman said at a news conference. "Historically, attacks have increased as the winter subsides. We're prepared for those attacks."

"What we would hope for, and what we would prefer, is that the Taliban take the offer of the government of Afghanistan seriously to make peace, rather than to resort to violence," Wollman said.

Maj. Gen. Eric Olson, the No. 2 American commander in Afghanistan, told The Associated Press on Friday that about 100 militants had approached U.S. troops to seek a truce so that they could return to their homes in peace.

Olson said his officials were

working on some 20-30 cases, but said there were "no real senior guys" among them.

Others may have approached the Afghan government, he added, but warned against any premature reduction in the 18,000-strong U.S. led force — even if militants mount only a feeble "spring offensive."

Neither a currently 9,000-strong NATO security force in Kabul and the north nor the Afghan National Army were ready to take up the slack should the coalition weaken, he said on a live interview after visiting U.S. troops in bases near the Pakistan border.



A courtroom drawing shows British soldiers Cpl. Daniel Kenyon, second left, Lance Cpl. Mark Cooley, left, and Lance Cpl. Darren Larkin, right, in the courtroom of the British Court Centre in Osnabrueck, Germany.

## Three British soldiers sentenced for abusing Iraqis in Basra in '03

BY MATT SURMAN

The Associated Press

OSNABRUECK, Germany — Three British soldiers were sentenced Friday to as many as two years in prison and dismissed from the military for abusing Iraqi civilians in the southern city of Basra in 2003 — a case that raised comparisons to abuse by U.S. forces at Abu Ghraib prison.

Lance Cpl. Mark Cooley was sentenced to two years in prison, Cpl. Daniel Kenyon to 18 months, and Lance Cpl. Darren Larkin to five months. All were dismissed from the service "with disgrace."

A court-martial this week found Kenyon and Cooley guilty of mistreating Iraqi detainees suspected of looting a humanitarian aid warehouse outside Basra in May 2003.

Larkin had previously pleaded guilty. Judge Michael Hunter and the seven senior officers on the jury rejected pleas for leniency from the men's attorneys.

"When British soldiers in Iraq or anywhere behave as you behaved and abuse power as you did, you cannot expect to receive much leniency," Hunter said.

"We recognize you are soldiers who have served your country and served your nation well until this moment of madness," he said.

In London, the head of the British army, Gen. Mike Jackson, apologized to the Iraqi people for the abuse by his soldiers, saying he was "appalled and disappointed."

"The incidents depicted are in direct contradiction of the core values and standards of the British army," Jackson said at a news conference at the Ministry of Defense. "Nevertheless, in the light of the evidence from this trial, I do apologize on behalf of the army to those Iraqis who were abused and to the people of Iraq."

Defense attorneys argued that the soldiers — based in Germany with the Royal Regiment of Fusiliers — followed a general order to make looters "work hard" and that a general air of cavalier justice "infected" the camp.

Pictures of the abuse, which included an Iraqi hoisted on a fork-lift and two naked men forced to simulate sexual acts, provoked dismay in Britain after being published in newspapers, leading to comparisons with the scandal

over the abuse of Iraqi prisoners by U.S. soldiers at the Abu Ghraib prison.

The photos were taken by another soldier. Prime Minister Tony Blair drew on prosecutors' words to call the images "shocking and appalling."

Cooley, 25, was convicted Wednesday of simulating punching a detainee, an action that was shown in a photograph, and of tying up a detainee and hoisting him on a fork lift.

Kenyon, 34, was convicted of aiding and abetting the abuse and failing to report it.

Larkin, 30, pleaded guilty to battery for standing on top of an Iraqi who was bound and lying on the ground.

Attorneys for the men called on the judge and military jury not to be swayed by public opinion.

"There has been a huge clamor from some quarters of public opinion for dismissal [from the military] and imprisonment," said Joseph Giret, who represents Kenyon. "This is a response not rooted in justice ... That is the lynch mob syndrome."

Fusilier Gary Bartlam, 20, who took the photos that launched the scandal, was sentenced in January to 18 months in a youth prison after a separate trial.

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## IN THE STATES

## 1.2 million federal accounts jeopardized

The Associated Press

CHARLOTTE, North Carolina — Bank of America Corp. has lost computer data tapes containing personal information on 1.2 million federal employees, including some members of the U.S. Senate.

The lost data includes Social Security numbers and other information that could make customers of a federal government charge card program vulnerable to identity theft.

Sen. Pat Leahy, a Vermont Democrat, is among those senators whose personal information

## Bank of America loses tapes with government workers' info

is on the missing tapes, spokeswoman Tracy Schumler said.

The bank issued an apology. "We deeply regret this unfortunate incident," said Barbara Desor, who is in charge of technology, service and fulfillment for the Charlotte-based bank. "The privacy of customer information receives the highest priority at Bank of America, and we take our responsibilities for safeguarding it very seriously."

Leahy has been a leader of calls this week for a Senate Judiciary

Committee inquiry into whether more regulation of companies that buy and sell personal data is needed.

That came after the disclosure that ChoicePoint Inc., a data warehouse, had learned that as many as 140,000 consumers may have had their personal information compromised.

"I hope this latest incident at least will bring the issue closer to home so Congress will pay better attention to the rapid erosion of privacy rights that ordinary

Americans are facing as more and more of their personal and financial information is collected and sold on databases that too often have too few privacy protections," Leahy said in a statement Friday.

U.S. Sen. Charles Schumer said he was told the data backup tapes were likely stolen off of a commercial plane by baggage handlers in December.

Bank spokeswoman Eloise Hale called the system of shipping backup tapes "an industry

practice and a routine bank practice. As a safety precaution measure, backup tapes are stored in different locations."

She declined to give any more details about where and how the tapes are moved around. The missing tapes include information on federal employees who use Bank of America "smart pay" charge cards for travel and expenses, Hale said Friday.

"The investigation to date has found no evidence to suggest the tapes or their content have been accessed or misused, and the tapes are now presumed lost," the bank said in a news release.

## Kansas police arrest suspect in serial killer case

## Officials believe 59-year-old man is responsible for 10 slayings

BY ROXANA HEGEMAN

The Associated Press

WICHITA, Kansas — Police said Saturday they have arrested a man they believe is the notorious BTK serial killer who terrorized Wichita throughout the 1970s and then resurfaced about a year ago after 25 years of silence.

"The bottom line: BTK is arrested," Wichita Police Chief Norman Williams said at a news conference in Wichita with some of the victims' family members.

BTK investigator Lt. Ken Landwehr identified the suspect as Dennis Rader, a 59-year-old city worker in nearby Park City, who was arrested Friday at his suburban home.

The BTK killer — a self-coined nickname that stands for "Bind, Torture, Kill" — had

been linked to eight killings committed between 1974 and 1986. Police said Saturday they have attributed two more slayings to BTK, from 1985 and 1991.

No charges had been filed Saturday. Prosecutor Nola Fouldston said that while there is no statute of limitations for homicide, the death penalty would not apply to any crime committed before 1994, when the death penalty was introduced in Kansas.

BTK sent letters to media about the crimes in the 1970s, but

stopped for more than two decades before re-establishing contact last March with a letter about an unsolved 1986 killing.

Since then, authorities said the killer has sent at least eight letters to the media or police, including three packages containing jewelry that police believed may have been taken from



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BTK's victims. One letter contained the driver's license of victim Nancy Fox.

The new letters sent chills through Wichita, but also rekindled hope that modern forensic science could find some clue that would finally lead police to a killer most thought was dead or safely locked in prison for some other crime.

Thousands of tips poured in, and the Kansas Bureau of Investigation conducted hundreds of DNA swabs in connection with the BTK investigation.

A source with knowledge of the investigation who spoke on condition of anonymity said surveillance gave police their "first big piece" of recent evidence, lead-

ing authorities to a vehicle and the suspect.

One of the victims newly identified by police, 53-year-old Marine Hedge, lived on Rader's street in Park City. She was abducted from her home in 1985, and her body was found eight days later along a dirt road.

Investigators searched Rader's house Friday and seized computer equipment.

"This has not been an easy task," Wichita Mayor Carlos Mayans said Saturday. "Our fine police department has been, at times, questioned. Their competence was questioned, and their actions were often second-guessed."

"But all the while, these offic-

ers were steadfast in their commitment to solve the biggest police case in Wichita's history," Mayans said.

The BTK slayings began in 1974 with the strangulations of Joseph Otero, 38, his wife, Julie, 34, and their two children.

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# Retiree 'trust fund' does exist — sort of

The Associated Press

PARKERSBURG, W.Va. — The Social Security trust fund really does exist — nestled in the bottom drawer of an unremarkable government file cabinet.

It's in a pair of white loose-leaf notebooks holding plastic page covers. Each carries a piece of paper representing a bond worth a staggering amount of money. Say, \$8.57 billion, due on June 30, 2013, with 6.5 percent interest. Sort of.

Actually, the entire setup is, well, a setup.

"The paper is symbolic," says Pete Hollenbach, spokesman for the U.S. Bureau of Public Debt, the creation of a 1994 law that anticipated the current debate about Social Security's solvency and whether the trust funds held anything more than IOUs.

As the computer era flowered, Congress passed legislation requiring the Treasury to create a "physical document in form of bond,

note or certificate of indebtedness, rather than accounting entry."

In an interview, Jacobs said he wanted to rebut the "disingenuous assertions" that there was no trust fund, even though there was, in fact, no vault stuffed with cash to pay benefits.

Now, as then, the paper is an anachronism in a system that provides benefits to 47 million Americans.

Apart from being the repository of one particular file cabinet, the

government facility in western West Virginia is responsible for managing trust funds that were worth about \$1.6 trillion at the end of January.

Official forecasts by the Social Security trustees estimate that in 2018, the trust funds will begin taking in less payroll tax revenue than they need to pay Social Security benefits. By 2042, estimates are that the trust funds will be empty, and the system dependent on the daily tax receipts to meet obligations.

## Bush: Social Security big problem for Americans

By DEB RIECHMANN

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Back from stroking U.S. allies in Europe, President Bush now is lobbying a home-front target: wary lawmakers returning from a long congressional break, where they heard their constituents' concerns about Social Security overhaul.

The lawmakers got an earful from voters back home. Now, Bush wants them to listen to him.

"We need to act now to fix Social Security permanently," he said Saturday in a radio address aimed at Congress.

The president is making a fresh push for his plan to let younger workers put part of their Social Security payroll taxes in private investment accounts. He has taken that campaign to eight states and is continuing it next Friday in New Jersey and Indiana.

Bush is making the trips in hopes of persuading voters to pressure Congress to tackle the future solvency problems of the politically sensitive Social Security system. His message is twofold: reassure those born before 1950 that their Social Security benefits will not change in any way and tell younger workers that "Social Security is heading toward bankruptcy."

"Massive numbers of baby boomers, like me, will soon begin to retire," Bush said in his radio remarks. "People are living longer and benefits are scheduled to increase dramatically, and fewer workers will be paying into the system to support each retiree."

Former Vermont Gov. Howard Dean, the new Democratic Party chairman, criticized Bush earlier this week for suggesting Social Security faces a big crisis.

As for Bush's plan to create personal investment accounts, Dean told a crowd at Washburn University in Topeka, Kan., "I don't believe the way to fix Social Security is to have Wall Street run it so that it can be invested in Enron and Tyco and MCI," three companies plagued by high-profile scandals.

Bush readily admits that the personal retirement accounts won't solve the solvency problem, but he wants them to be part of a permanent fix.

If left unchanged, beginning as early as 2018, Social Security is set to pay out more benefits than it collects in taxes. And by 2042, the money stored from past surpluses will be exhausted and Social Security will only be able to pay 73 percent of promised benefits from the revenues it will be taking in, according to the retirement program's trustees.



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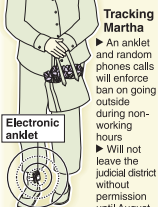
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## Martha Stewart's homecoming

After serving five months in prison, Martha Stewart will be released next weekend to serve home confinement at her 153-acre estate in Katonah, N.Y.

### Some of the home confinement conditions

- May leave home 48 hours a week for "gainful employment"
- May entertain colleagues, neighbors, friends and relatives, but no convicts
- Submit a "thorough and complete" report in the first five days of each month



SOURCE: U.S. District Court AP

# Stewart's fine living to be watched

BY JIM FITZGERALD  
The Associated Press

KATONAH, N.Y. — She will be able to return to work and start drawing her \$900,000 salary again, and she will be free to throw lavish house parties — as long as she doesn't invite any criminals.

Martha Stewart will also be wearing the must-have accessory for the convicted felon on the go: an electronic ankle that will allow authorities to monitor her movements.

After five months in prison in West Virginia, Stewart will be released next weekend to her 153-acre estate in the rolling horse country 40 miles north of midtown Manhattan. There, for another five months, she will serve the home detention portion of her sentence for a stock scandal.

The woman behind a billion-dollar homemaking empire will be confined to one of several houses on her estate in Katonah, except for 48 hours a week for "gainful employment," said Chris Stanton, chief U.S. probation officer in New York.

Stewart, 63, who also has homes in Connecticut, Maine and the Hamptons, chose the Katonah



This 153-acre estate in Katonah, N.Y., 40 miles north of midtown Manhattan, is where Martha Stewart will serve five months of house arrest after she leaves prison next week.

estate, which she bought in 2000 for \$16 million, to be her prison away from prison until August.

Probation authorities will use the ankle and random phone calls to enforce the ban on going outside during non-working hours.

As for employment, besides running Martha Stewart Living Omnimedia and writing a column

for her magazine, Stewart can prepare for the two TV shows she will be starring in — a revival of her daily homemaking show and her own version of "The Apprentice."

Her contract with her company says that her salary, which was suspended while she was behind bars, will get reinstated during home detention.

It has not yet been established whether she will commute to Manhattan, travel to her TV studio in Westport or work at home. The details will be worked out at a meeting with her probation officer in the first few days after she gets out.

Allyn Magrino, a spokeswoman for Stewart's company, refused to comment.

While confined, Stewart will be free to entertain colleagues, neighbors, friends and relatives, Stanton said, as long as they are not criminals. Convicted felons are not allowed to consort with convicted felons.

She will probably not be able to oversee the multimillion-dollar renovation work under way at the estate, known as Cantilite Farm.

Some residents seem happy that Stewart is their neighbor and felt she has been adequately punished for lying about why she unloaded her stock in a pharmaceutical company just before the price plunged in December 2001.

"She served her time and she can come home," said Martha Brozski. "She's a businesswoman and she did what it took to get the job done. Is it all moral and ethical? I don't know."

## Head of PBS tries to keep channel decent

BY SIOBHAN McDONOUGH  
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Worried about big fines from the government, the Public Broadcasting Service is carefully monitoring the content of its shows for profanity, nudity or anything that may be deemed indecent, the nonprofit network's chief says.

The Federal Communications Commission's standards on indecency that kicked in after the Janet Jackson breast-baring debacle have made broadcasters and producers nervous, Pat Mitchell said in an interview with The Associated Press this week.

Mitchell said PBS, where she is president and chief executive, seems to be under a higher level of scrutiny because it is partially financed by federal taxpayers.

"We're very concerned about the regulations," she said. "They're not as clear as all of us in the media business would like them to be."

That's exactly what PBS did recently with "A Company of Soldiers," a documentary on Iraq that contained foul language.

Besides offering a version of the film that had questionable parts bleeped out, the network sent out the raw version to stations that were willing to sign a waiver that acknowledged they were not being protected by the producer from FCC penalties.

Next week, another documentary on Iraq which has some strong language will be offered to stations. They've been told that if they air "The Soldier's Heart,"

they must do so after 10 p.m. A toned-down version will be offered as well.

In a wide-ranging interview, Mitchell, 62, defended her decision to step down as PBS chief in June 2006, the network's financial challenges, her feelings about the "Buster" controversy and her goals during her final year in the job.

Securing sustainable funding on a national and local level, broadening public television's reach and resources in education, and strengthening children's and public affairs programs top her agenda.

But achieving these and other goals hinges on the need for more money, Mitchell said.

"How do you continue in today's media environment, with everything being transformed by technology and new expectations?" she asked.

Finding new support is critical, and Mitchell's resolve is firm. "I'm completely passionate about a stronger and better resourced broadcasting service," she said. "I want this to be my legacy. That would be the best thing any leader can hope for — to leave an organization stronger than when you came in."



Mitchell

## Bid for Hemingway's home rejected

BOISE, Idaho — An environmental group that owns the former home of Ernest Hemingway has rejected an offer from neighbors to buy the property, setting up a legal fight.

The board of The Nature Conservancy's Idaho chapter voted Friday to move ahead with a plan to

turn the 13-acre property near Sun Valley into a literary library and museum. The Nobel Prize-winning author fatally shot himself at the home in 1961.

Neighbors had agreed to pay market value for the property — which could fetch an estimated \$5 million — on the condition the house be moved.

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## 77th Academy Awards

## The stars, the awards, the free stuff!

BY MARK CARO

Chicago Tribune

PARK CITY, Utah — If DJ Qualls, best known as the skinny guy from "Road Trip," was wearing the end of his Sundance swing spree — an orgy of expensive goods accumulation that had left the young actor hamstrung over how he was supposed to transport his piles of free stuff home.

"Dude, it's insane," he said. "I was supposed to leave two days ago, but I've been too stressed about editing my collection."

The 26-year-old Qualls, who appeared in the Sundance film "Hustle & Flow," was in the midst of a tour of the Levi's Ranch, where the jeans company and purveyors of Ray-Ban sunglasses, cosmetics and Xbox

games were "gifting" visiting celebrities.

Qualls collected several games, adding to a Sundance treasure trove that already included, by his accounting, a \$2,000 speaker system, a Lasik eye surgery gift certificate and a Dior coat lined with chinchilla.

"I've been doing nothing but this for three days," he said as he exited. "Seriously, it's sad. I'm a big ol' whore."

He's far from the only one. A huge, perverse industry has sprung up that's dedicated to giving complimentary goods to those who can most afford them: celebrities.

Presenters and performers at last week's Grammy Awards were given stuffed bags (actually

\$500 pieces of Lancel luggage) and backstage lounge giveaways worth an estimated \$34,000, including an iPod (the U2 edition), a Boston Acoustics CD stereo system, airline tickets, hotel packages, designer wear, various cosmetics and — drum roll, please — Trump Fragrance for Men.

The Oscar bag contents have yet to be announced, but last year's was touted to be worth about \$75,000. As with the Grammys, the gifts go to the show's presenters and performers, not the nominees or winners.

But Distinctive Assets, the company behind the Grammy freebies, also is putting together unofficial consolation-prize gift baskets for the non-winning Oscar nominees in the four act-

ing categories plus best director and picture. Those packages are valued at approximately \$38,000, including a \$22,000 Las Vegas weekend package.

Meanwhile, Sundance Film Festival, the country's premier showcase for the credit-card-stretching work of fledgling filmmakers, simultaneously has become a playground for the covetous and famous.

With no official Sundance sanction, at least a dozen corporate-sponsored houses sprung up around Park City during last month's festival with the sole purpose of getting brand names into the hands of celebrities.

To the companies involved, playing Santa Claus to the stars is justified as cutting-edge marketing. To the rest of us who gener-

ally can't afford the pricey goods being lavished on rich celebrities, it's yet another sign of a screw loose in Hollywood.

Call it the InStyle Effect. Years ago, nobody knew what brand counterpoint, TV or shower gel your favorite movie stars had in their lair.

That was before InStyle magazine demonstrated that a massive readership can be propelled from page to page with pretty pictures and brand names. Now countless magazines probe celebrities about their favorite lip glosses, video games and any other imaginable product.

With celebrities becoming de facto endorsements of everything they wear, use or consume, companies are directing their energies toward a new kind of product placement.

## History of the Oscars: From bloc voting to ballyhoo

BY BOB THOMAS

The Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — On the evening of May 16, 1929, some 300 film industry figures and their spouses gathered in the Blossom Room of the Hollywood Roosevelt Hotel to dine on squash and lobster and hear Douglas Fairbanks Sr. announce the first awards of the fledgling Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences.

There was scant press coverage and zero suspense. The winners had been disclosed two months before.

On Sunday, 3,300 people will pack the Kodak Theatre, one block east of the Roosevelt, to witness the 77th Academy Awards. ABC and hundreds of journalists will spread the news worldwide. Suspense will be high, the results known only to the ballot-toting accountants.

How did the Oscars transform from Rotary-style achievement dinner to international extravaganza? Here's a look at the progress and potholes along Oscar's yellow brick road:

## Getting longer and longer

Fairbanks dispensed the statuettes in

1929 in 10 minutes. The ceremonies grew and grew, scoring a record 4 hours and 5 minutes in 1999. Part of the expansion is due to the increase in categories: 12 in 1929, 24 in 2005. Another reason is the thank-you factor. Early winners felt no need to thank everyone from their fitness coach to high school teacher.

## Chips off the old bloc

Walter Seltzer, a publicist turned producer, recalls a meeting of the 60-member MGM publicity staff in 1939: "Our boss, Howard Strickling, announced that through the generosity of the studio, all of us as of now are members of the academy; he had enrolled everyone and paid the initiation fee. There was general jubilation and thanks, then he proceeded to tell us how we were to vote."

Bloc voting was a bugaboo for the academy during its first two decades. Bases proclaimed that employees should vote for the home product or for the good of their studios. Bloc voting ended in the 1950s with the decline of the studio system.

## The birth of ballyhoo

In 1955, "Marty," a \$289,000 no-star movie about a lovelorn butcher, played David to a quartet of Goliaths: "Love Is a Many Splendored Thing," "Mister Roberts," "Picnic" and "The Rose Tattoo." Walter Seltzer, publicity director for the company that made "Marty," and assistants Jerry Pam and Arthur Wilde devised an ad campaign to call attention to their modest film. "We ran it differently every day in the trade papers," says Pam. "We did the precursor of the screeners that academy voters get now," recalls Seltzer.

"We offered to send a print of the picture, a projector and a projectionist to the home of anyone who would invite 20 academy members to a screening." The campaign cost \$275,000, almost as much as the movie's budget, but a wise investment. "Marty" won four Oscars, including best picture, and encouraged other compa-

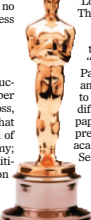
nies to campaign more vigorously for their Oscar hopefuls.

## Party time

For the first 15 years, the awards themselves were a party. The Hollywood elite gathered in hotel ballrooms to feast, drink, dance and applaud the winners. Such celebration appeared unseen during wartime, and from 1944 on, the ceremonies have been held in theaters. At the first parties afterward were casual affairs sponsored by studios. But in 1958, the academy began the Governors Ball, held after the awards at the Beverly Hilton Hotel. Since the show took place downtown, ball attendees had to make a cross-city drive. "After years of this, we decided that the ball would be held at the same location as the awards," says academy executive director Bruce Davis.

Attendance at the ball has been challenged in recent years by lavish private parties held by Vanity Fair magazine, Elton John's AIDS benefit and others. "But everybody makes a stop at the Governors Ball," says academy spokesman John Pavlik.

Thomas has been covering the movie world for the AP for more than 60 years.



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## Anti-smoking campaign eyes Hollywood on Oscar night

The Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — Along with red carpet arrivals at Sunday night's Oscars, TV viewers worldwide may catch a glimpse of two billboard campaigns that chide Hollywood.

Los Angeles County's public health agency is paying for three mobile billboards demanding that filmmakers keep smoking out of their films. The billboards will be rolling near the Kodak Theatre site of the 77th Academy Awards.

"The whole world is watching. Keep smoking out of youth-rated movies," read the billboards, which feature a child's face.

A Dartmouth Medical School study last year found that children who watch movies in which actors smoke heavily are three

times more likely to smoke themselves than those exposed to less on-screen smoking.

Jonathan Fielding, county public health director, hopes the campaign will persuade the film industry to devote as much attention to tobacco use among children as it has to other health issues, such as AIDS.

"There is a real opportunity for the industry to really make a difference in the terrible epidemic of tobacco use among youth," he said. Besides the rolling anti-smoking message, a conservative group has bought billboard space near the Kodak Theatre that takes a jab at Hollywood's political left.

Alongside a smiling President Bush, the billboards read: "4 More Years. Thank You Hollywood!" and "W. Still President. Thank You Hollywood!"

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Part of a caisson from a bridge built across Lake Champlain by Continental Army soldiers in the late winter and early spring of 1777 sits in the preservation laboratory at the Lake Champlain Maritime Museum in Ferrisburgh, Vt., on Feb. 15.

## History washes ashore in N.Y.

Remnant of the Revolutionary War discovered near Fort Ticonderoga

BY WILSON RING  
The Associated Press

FERRISBURGH, Vt. — A bridge built across Lake Champlain by about 2,500 underfed and sick Continental Army soldiers in the late winter and early spring of 1777 was considered a marvel of 18th-century engineering.

Historians figure thousands of huge pine logs were skidded onto the ice in March and April, notched together like Lincoln Logs, and then sunk with rocks through holes the soldiers cut in the ice.

By spring, 22 caissons, some up to 50 feet tall, reached the surface of the lake, where they were joined by a deck that allowed people to walk between Fort Ticonderoga in New York and Mount Independence in Orwell.

Now a piece of one of those caissons sits in the preservation laboratory at the Lake Champlain Maritime Museum, being made ready to give museum visitors a glimpse of the 228-year-old bridge.

"When you look at what they wanted to do, it connects you right to the American Revolution," said Maritime Museum Executive Director Art Cohn.

About 2,500 American troops used the 16-foot-wide bridge built on top of the caissons to flee the British army that was bearing down on Fort Ticonderoga in July 1777.

The British occupied the fort and later destroyed the bridge.

But many of those same colonial troops who fled Ticonderoga played a role in defeating the British in the Battle of Saratoga, one of the pivotal battles of the Revolutionary War, three months later.

The caissons the bridge rested on remain underwater. They are all deep enough so they don't interfere with boats on the lake, Cohn said.

The 26-foot beam is estimated to weigh between 1,500 and 1,800 pounds. It washed ashore last year near Fort Ticonderoga on the New York shore of Lake Champlain.

The beam was trucked to the Maritime Museum in December where it is being dried out and made ready for public display.

The size and condition of the beam mean it isn't as difficult to preserve as some other wooden artifacts pulled from Lake Champlain.

The original trace that was cut nearby in Vermont or New York is believed to be dense, white pine. Eighteenth century forests were full of such trees.

"It's certainly old growth," said Chris Sabie, the museum's director of conservation.

The cold lake water helped preserve the timber.

Once the preservation of the timber is complete it will be displayed at the Maritime Museum. Cohn said it will be returned to the museum at Fort Ticonderoga after a new visitor center is completed there.

## Hurricane recovery delayed in Fla.

BY BILL KACZOR  
The Associated Press

PENSACOLA, Fla. — Chuck Johnson and his golden retriever, Molly, share a small camper parked in front of a concrete slab, all that remains of his hurricane-battered home.

The 56-year-old film technician is among thousands of Floridians still struggling to recover five months after the last of four hurricanes rampaged across the state.

Disputes with insurers and shortages of building materials, contractors and labor have delayed repairing or rebuilding many of Florida's 700,000 damaged dwellings.

Johnson, awaiting an insurance settlement, is unsure when, or even if, he will rebuild. He has thought about selling his lot and going elsewhere, but is torn because he loves the scenic lagoon just across the street from his lot.

"I'm like a tennis ball, just back and forth," Johnson says. "Sometimes I stay awake in bed. Your mind is like a blender."

Insurers have settled 90 percent of 1.6 million claims statewide from Charley, Frances, Ivan and Jeanne, which also killed 117 people in Florida when they hit in August and September.

But Johnson's is in the remaining 10 percent of property owners still waiting for his check.

Citizens Property Insurance, created by the state as an insurer of last resort, has been particularly slow paying claims because it had no adjusters on its payroll.

Citizens hired adjusting firms that also had contracts with national companies, which provide them year-round work while Citizens uses them only for hurricanes.

"They gave those companies service first," says state Chief Financial Officer Tom Gallagher. "They took the Citizens policyholders last."

Getting roofers and roofing materials has been difficult across the state, resulting in backlogs of up to seven months and price increases of about 25 percent, says Steve Munnell, executive director of the Florida Roofing, Sheet Metal and Air Conditioning Contractors Association.

Gov. Jeb Bush signed an executive order letting out-of-state contractors work without Florida licenses through mid-May, but they still must meet the state's insurance requirements and obtain local specialty licenses. Some jurisdictions have declined to issue such licenses.

The shingle crunch eased during the winter as manufacturers ramped up production and demand from cold-weather states dropped, but it still can take up to six weeks to get an order, Munnell says.

Those delays may get longer. The expiration of the governor's executive order and the return of warmer weather are expected to send contractors, workers and shingles back north.

"If they decide to go home, it could be a free-for-all for good quality skilled labor," says Pensacola contractor Dan Gilmore, president of the Florida Home Builders Association in Winter Park. Vieth, however, plans to get a Florida license and stay here because he expects several more months of work, possibly extending into 2006. "There's a tremendous amount of blue roofs still out there," Vieth says.

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David Gibbs III, center, attorney for Bob and Mary Schindler, left, talks to reporters Friday afternoon outside the Woodside Hospice in Pinellas Park, Fla., after a judge granted a three-week stay before Terri Schiavo's husband, Michael, can remove her feeding tube.

## Deadline set for Schiavo appeals

### Woman's family promises to fight after a judge grants a 3-week stay

BY MITCH STACY  
The Associated Press

PINELLAS PARK, Fla. — Lawyers for the parents of Terri Schiavo promised to begin another flurry of legal activity next week after a judge said removal of the brain-damaged woman's feeding tube can take place in three weeks.

Circuit Judge George Greer ruled Friday that Terri Schiavo's husband, Michael, can stop her tube feedings on March 18 at 1 p.m., allowing him to carry out what he says were his wife's wishes not to be kept alive artificially.

The decision came on the 15th anniversary of Terri Schiavo's collapse, when a chemical imbalance caused her heart to temporarily stop beating and left her severely brain damaged.

In the meantime, the 41-year-old woman's parents, Bob and Mary Schindler, are expected to ask an appeals court to block the order from taking effect and file numerous other motions to try to convince the courts to allow the feeding tube to remain.

The Schindlers and their son-in-law have fought each other in court since the late 1990s on whether Terri Schiavo should live

or die. The two sides have battled through scores of opinions and rulings and tens of thousands of pages of filings.

The feud has taken on elements of a soap opera, with allegations that it began as a fight over more than \$1 million awarded to Terri Schiavo in a medical malpractice case that her husband told to inherit.

Michael Schiavo has also been accused by his in-laws of having a conflict of interest in wanting his wife dead because he has started a new family with another woman.

The Schindlers do not believe their daughter is in a persistent vegetative state as court-appointed doctors have ruled.

But on Friday, Greer wrote he no longer wishes to grant delays in the long-running family feud, and that the case must end.

"The court is no longer comfortable granting stays simply upon the filings of new motions," Greer wrote. "There will always be 'new' issues."

Terri Schiavo's parents took the ruling as reason for hope.

"It's a relief, a temporary relief," Terri's father, Bob Schindler, told reporters outside the hospice where his daughter is cared for.

## HIV infection rate among blacks in U.S. has doubled over decade

BY JEFF DONN  
The Associated Press

BOSTON — Blacks are contracting HIV at twice the rate they were in the late 1980s and early '90s, which researchers and AIDS prevention advocates attribute to drug addiction, poverty and poor access to health care, according to government statistics.

At the same time, the HIV infection rate among whites has held steady, causing alarm among some health officials who say the racial gap in the epidemic is widening.

Other troubling statistics indicate that almost half of all infected people in the United States who should be receiving HIV drugs are not getting them.

"It's incredibly disappointing,"

said Terje Anderson, director of the National Association of People With AIDS. "We just have a burgeoning epidemic in the African American community that is not being dealt with effectively."

The findings, released at the 12th Annual Retrovirus Conference in Boston Friday, showed an increase in the HIV infection rate from 1 percent to 2 percent of blacks over a decade. White rates remained level at 0.2 percent, while the overall U.S. rate rose slightly from 0.3 percent to 0.4 percent.

The HIV rates were derived from the widely used National Health and Nutrition Examination Surveys, which analyze a representative sample of U.S. households and contain the most complete HIV data in the country. Researchers at the Centers


for Disease Control and Prevention compared 1988-1994 data with figures from 1999-2002.

However, health officials believe the numbers probably underestimate true HIV rates in the country because they don't take into account the prison population or the homeless.

"I think it's very concerning," said Dr. Susan Buchbinder, who leads HIV research for the city of San Francisco. "I think what we need to look at is how we can reduce those rates and get more people into treatment."

She recommended a stronger focus on treating drug addiction.

The lead CDC researcher, Geraldine McQuillan, said she was encouraged to see the HIV rate among younger blacks holding steady at just under 1.5 percent. "It tells me we're making some headway," she said.



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## Schwarzenegger doesn't regret taking steroids

SACRAMENTO, Calif. — Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger, who has acknowledged using steroids during his years as a champion bodybuilder, said he doesn't regret using the performance-enhancing drugs.

Schwarzenegger ABC's George Stephanopoulos, "I have no regrets about it, because at that time, it was something new that came on the market, and we went to the doctor and did it under doctors' supervision."

Schwarzenegger has acknowledged taking steroids, but pointed out that they were legal at the time.

"We were experimenting with it. It was a new thing. So you can't rack the clock back and say, 'Now I would change my mind on this,'" he said, according to an excerpt posted on [www.abcnews.com](http://www.abcnews.com).

The former seven-time Mr. Olympia said he would not encourage drug use because it sent the wrong message to children. But he said he had no problem with athletes taking nutritional supplements and other legal substances to improve their performance.



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# Students hope 'Cancer Stories' can help

BY MICHELLE SAXTON

The Associated Press

MORGANTOWN, W.Va. — In a stark, black-and-white photograph staring out from the book, Pam's eyes show the weight of her worry.

"Pam knew cancer long before she detected a lump," her story reads. "The disease has shaped and reshaped her family over the generations. Her mother died of ovarian cancer more than 10 years ago."

"She also lost two paternal great-aunts and six maternal great-aunts to reproductive cancer. ... It is a worst fear come true, a deadly legacy that seems to take out every female in its genetic path."

Pam, who is still battling breast cancer that has spread to her liver, is one of seven people chronicled in "Cancer Stories: Lessons in Love, Loss & Hope," a project by a group of journalism students from West Virginia University.

The book is being released this month by WVU Press but it has already drawn national media attention, and a student-produced documentary of



Cancer patient Pam Messenger receives chemotherapy at Mary Babb Randolph Cancer last month in Morgantown, W.Va. Messenger opened up her private life to West Virginia University journalism students for a book and documentary on the lives of cancer patients.

the three-year-long project released last year won a regional Emmy.

Although much of that attention has been focused on the work as a product of student journalists, and the effect on them,

the larger impact may be on the medical community. (Hence, the intended market for the \$40, 219-page book is physicians and caregivers.) "These journalistic works will help offer physicians a primer on how to treat the 'w-

hole patient,' who may be struggling with finances, family problems and emotional stress, in addition to fighting a life-threatening disease," Dr. Eddie Reed, director of The Mary Babb Randolph Cancer Clinic where the pa-

tients were treated, says in the book's flyleaf.

Jennifer Roush, who wrote Pam's story, puts it a bit more directly:

"They don't get to go home with their patients. They don't get to sit at the dinner table with them. They don't see what happens after they walk out of the hospital doors," said Roush, now a features editor at the Times West Virginian in Fairmont.

Pam's story is typical of the others in the book, going beyond the medical scope of radiation treatment and surgeries to reveal how she lived with cancer at home, lost her hair and got sick, and how it affected her family, including her two children.

Pam said she took part in the project to help others down the road.

"It seems like a waste to suffer like this if I can't turn it around some way and make it easier for somebody else," she said.

Another struggle the book highlights is the one faced by patients in rural areas who contend with limited transportation, among other things.

## Bold bears prompt call for a hunt in Kentucky

BY ROGER ALFORD

The Associated Press Writer

PIKEVILLE, Ky. — They are pawing at porches, rooting through garbage and menacing pets. Enough black bears have been spotted in the hills of Appalachian Kentucky that some say it's time to start hunting them down again.

Outdoor enthusiasts say the move would be good for hunters and give the bears a fear of humans that would keep the animals away from homes.

"It would make them stay wild. That's the philosophy behind it," said Ronnie Wells, president of the Kentucky League of Sportsmen. "They've been coming right down into people's porches and yards."

A century ago, bears thrived in Kentucky's mountain region, but over-hunting led to their disappearance. Over the past 20 years, they have been venturing back through the forest of Virginia and West Virginia, once again giving eastern Kentucky a self-sustaining bear population.

But the bears have been butting up against residents. Homeowners shot at least two of the bears last year when they came too close to homes.

Terry Brock of Whitesburg was ordered to pay a \$250 fine for shooting an animal that was eating from his garbage cans and frightening his dogs and horse.

Brock said at his trial he was surprised to be charged with a crime for killing the 270-pound

bear. He said the animal refused to leave his back yard after he yelled and banged on the side of his mobile home.

Neighboring Virginia and West Virginia have had bear hunts for years, but Kentucky officials say it would be premature for them to restart one because they don't yet know how many black bears live in the state.

"Absent that information, it would be a little reckless at this point to push ahead with a hunting season," said Mark Marraccini, a spokesman for the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources.

Marraccini said a study is under way to determine the number of bears.

Wells, of the sportsmen league, said some chapters have drafted a resolution calling for a hunting season and planned to vote on it in June.

"I think we're a long ways from having a bear season," he said. "But I think it's time to take a serious look at whether we need it or not."

Debbie Sherman, principal of Victory Road Christian Academy in Cumberland, said bears occasionally wander across campus, raising some concern. The school, located near Kingdom Come State Park, put in a bear-proof trash bin so that the animals wouldn't be able to rummage through the garbage.

"We haven't seen or heard any so far this year," she said.

"But they're just now waking up."



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## IN THE WORLD

## Pontiff show flashes of humor despite his health complications

The Associated Press

VATICAN CITY — As Pope John Paul II struggles with his second health crisis in a month, he is displaying something not usually associated with the dignity and solemnity of his office: a sense of humor.

"What did they do to me?" was the quip Vatican aides say he scrawled on a piece of paper on Friday after he woke up following surgery.

Ahead of the operation, when doctors tried to reassure him that the procedure would be a small one, the reply was: "Small! It depends for whom."

The Vatican has appeared eager to report on John Paul's humorous statements, perhaps as a way to allay concerns about his health or to present the



Pope John Paul II

Roman Catholic flock with an example of how to face adversity.

While attired in full papal regalia, John Paul has never hesitated to display warmth and a sly wit. It's all a part of the common touch that has allowed him to connect with the people as few pontiffs have done in the past.

Early on in his papacy, when reporters asked him whether a pope could step down, he replied he wouldn't know where to submit his resignation.

In recent years, as his infirmities — which include Parkinson's disease and crippling hip and knee ailments — have become ever more apparent, he has shown self-deprecating humor.

"So you want a young pope," he once told a group of youths. "Well, I guess I'm a young pope."

John Paul isn't the only pontiff to enliven the august role of Bishop of Rome with humor. His predecessor John Paul I, who died after only 33 days in office, was known as the smiling pope, and John XXIII, pontiff between 1958 and 1963, was famous for his sharp wit.



Nuns pray Saturday during a Mass in Rome's St. Maria Maggiore Basilica during Pope John Paul II's third day of hospitalization. The Vatican has announced the pope's voice will not be heard at weekend prayers for the first time since 1992.

## Pope won't speak at prayers

BY BRIAN MURPHY

The Associated Press

VATICAN CITY — Pope John Paul II will join in Sunday's Angelus prayers from his hospital room but will not read them out or greet the faithful from a window, the Vatican said Saturday as the pope recovered from a throat operation to ease a breathing crisis.

Vatican officials confirmed there were no plans for the

84-year-old pontiff to make a brief appearance at Rome's Gemelli Polyclinic hospital during Sunday's blessing, a weekly tradition dear to the pope.

Sunday will be the first time the pope will neither appear nor have his voice heard at an Angelus service. In 1992, after he had surgery to remove an intestinal tumor, the Vatican taped a message and prayer by John Paul and played the recording for the faithful.

Doctors have advised the pope not to speak for several days as he recovers from surgery to insert a breathing tube into his throat.

The Holy See's terse announcement came after officials met to decide if John Paul was well enough to make some written statement or gesture aimed at reassuring the world his recovery is progressing after his second breathing crisis in less than a month.

But with the pope in a delicate state, the Vatican said its undersecretary of state would read the

prayers to the faithful assembled on St. Peter's Square.

Flowers, gifts and letters wishing the pope a speedy recovery have been flooding the hospital.

The Vatican took pains Friday to emphasize the positive: The pope was breathing on his own, showed no signs of pneumonia and ate a breakfast.

But it remained unclear how long the tracheotomy device inserted in his throat would remain and if the pope would eventually regain full command of his voice. No official health update was expected until Monday.

The image drove home a clear worry at the Vatican: that the pope's ailments would gradually reduce his abilities to communicate and reach out to followers — a hallmark of his 26-year papacy that's included 104 international trips and several best-selling papal books.

Associated Press writers Victor L. Simpson and Daniela Petroff contributed to this story.

## Disputes put Russia-Iran nuclear fuel pact on hold

BY ALI AKBAR DAREINI

The Associated Press

TEHRAN, Iran — Last-minute disputes Saturday forced Iran and Russia to postpone the signing of an agreement to supply Iran with fuel for its first nuclear reactor, a deal strongly opposed by the United States.

Russia and Iran's top nuclear officials had been set to sign the agreement Saturday morning, a day after a summit between the U.S. and Russian presidents.

Mohammad Saeedi, deputy head of the Atomic Energy Organization of Iran, attributed the postponement to differences over the delivery time of the first shipment of fuel and the launch of the Bushehr nuclear power plant.

Saeedi said the deal may be signed Sunday in Bushehr, the southern town where Iran's first reactor was built, using Russian help.

Under the agreement, Russia

will provide Iran with fuel and take back the spent fuel, a safeguard meant to banish fears Iran would misuse it to build nuclear weapons. U.N. nuclear experts also would monitor the facility.

Still, Washington has pressed Moscow to call off the deal, saying the Iranians could use the Bushehr reactor as part of a nuclear weapons program. Thursday's summit in Bratislava, Slovakia, between President Bush and Russian President Vladimir Putin touched on American concerns, but Putin has said he is sure Iran does not intend to build nuclear weapons and Russian cooperation with the country would continue.

An International Atomic Energy Agency probe over the past two years had previously established that Iran ran a clandestine nuclear program for nearly two decades, including working on uranium enrichment which can be used to make weapons.

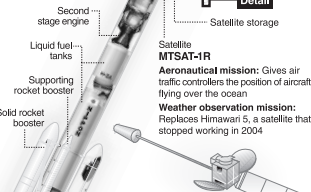
Associated Press reporter George Jahn contributed to this report.

## Japan's crucial mission

Japan's space agency will launch its domestically built H-2A rocket Saturday to put a multipurpose satellite in orbit. Failure of the last liftoff in November 2003 put the nation's space missions on hold.

### H-2A F7

Total mass: About 323 tons  
Length: 53 m (175 feet)  
Diameter: 4 m (13 feet)  
Rocket boosters: 2  
Supporting rocket boosters: 2



### MTSAT-1R

**Aeronautical mission:** Gives air traffic controllers the position of aircraft flying over the ocean

**Weather observation mission:** Replaces Himawari 5, a satellite that stopped working in 2004

### H-2A launch history



SOURCES: Japan Aerospace Exploration Agency; Rocket System Corp.

# Back in space race

## Japan ends hiatus by launching rocket

BY ERIC TALMADGE

The Associated Press

TANEGASHIMA, Japan — Ending a 15-month blank caused by a spectacular liftoff failure, a Japanese-designed H-2A rocket roared off its launchpad and successfully placed a satellite in orbit Saturday, putting Japan back in space — though rival China has raced ahead to become Asia's leading space power.

The liftoff into a cloudy sunset from this remote southern Japan island was a major breakthrough. Domestically designed and built, the 174-foot tall H-2A is the centerpiece of Japan's space program — which, though relatively low-budget, has marked some impressive accomplishments.

Japan was the fourth country to launch a satellite, in 1972, and along with a major lunar exploration mission in the works now has a probe on its way to collect and retrieve samples from an asteroid, a mission that if successful would be a first.

But the midair explosion of an H-2A launched in November 2003 put Japan's space plans on hold. Controllers had to detonate that rocket and its payload of two spy satellites after a booster failed to detach.

The setback came just one month after China successfully launched its first astronaut into orbit. Beijing has since announced it is aiming "the moon." "We could not afford another failure," Science Minister Naruhiko Nakayama said after watching Saturday's launch. "My heart leapt when I saw the liftoff."

Japanese officials say they are not in a space race with China.

But in a major policy switch, a

government panel last year recommended that Japan begin studying the possibility of establishing its own manned program. North Korea, meanwhile, has perhaps had an even deeper impact on Japan's space program in recent years.

The perceived nuclear threat from the theocratic communist nation, which launched a Taepodong 1 missile over Japan's main island in 1998, has provided a strong impetus for Tokyo to beef up its space capabilities.

In a departure from its peaceful-uses only space policy, Japan launched its first spy satellites months before the 2003 failure. Another set of spy satellites is now awaiting launch, though a date has not been set.

While controversial in Japan and strongly condemned by Pyongyang, the program is not technically a military one — it is not paid for through military funds, and officials say it poses no threat to North Korea or any other country.

Despite the influx of funds for spy satellites, officials at JAXA, Japan's space agency, stress that because Japan's space program, which has a budget of about \$2.5 billion, enough for two launches a year.

They say that is the main reason why Japan — despite being Asia's richest and most technologically advanced nation — is falling behind China.

Still, officials have stressed that the H-2A has a relatively good — if not perfect — record.

The 2003 failure came after five-straight successes, giving it an 83 percent success rate. Europe's Ariane 5 and China's Long March 3 both have about an 85 percent rate.

# Another general surrenders

## Bosnian Serb leader cedes to war crimes tribunal

BY DUSAN STOJANOVIC

The Associated Press

BELGRADE, Serbia-Montenegro — A retired Bosnian Serb general, who was charged by the U.N.

criminal tribunal for alleged atrocities against Bosnian Muslims in 1995, will voluntarily surrender to the court in the Netherlands, Serbia's government said Friday.

Gen. Radivoj Miletic, a former deputy chief-of-staff of the Bosnian Serb army, was recently charged by the tribunal in The Hague along with another Bosnian Serb, Gen. Milan Gvero, for their part in the massacre of more than 7,000 Muslims in Srebrenica in July 1995.

Gvero surrendered to The Hague authorities on Thursday.

Miletic also agreed to give himself up, the Serbian



Gvero

government said in a statement, adding that he will travel to the Netherlands next Monday.

Miletic and Gvero were close aides to wartime Bosnian Serb commander Gen. Ratko Mladic, a top war-crimes fugitive. They are charged with the forcible expulsion and murder of Muslims on the eve of and during Bosnian Serb onslaught on Srebrenica — the worst carnage in Europe since World War II.

The Hague on Thursday, Gvero and Miletic were accused of belonging to "a joint criminal enterprise" that included Mladic and former Bosnian Serb leader Radovan Karadzic, the top fugitive, believed hiding in Bosnia.

Miletic was part of the army staff at Mladic's wartime headquarters during the 1992-95 Bosnian war and was in charge of military training and operations. After the end of the war in his native Bosnia, Miletic lived in Serbia.

Also on Friday, the U.N. court announced charges against Bosnian Serb wartime commander, Gen. Zdravko Tolimir.

# Book reveals Turkey's fears about U.S.

The Associated Press

ISTANBUL, Turkey — In one of Turkey's best-selling thrillers, U.S. troops in northern Iraq open fire on a group of Turkish commandos, setting off a war between the NATO allies.

The book is "Metal Storm," and although pure fiction set in the year 2007, it highlights the deep fears many Turks harbor that the U.S. invasion of Iraq will put the allies on a collision course.

The suspicion has become so serious that Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice, in a meeting with Turkish leaders earlier this

month, raised concerns about the negative image of the United States in Turkey, American and Turkish diplomats said.

During the Cold War, Turkey and the United States saw their alliance as crucial to stopping Soviet expansion.

But now, the critical security issue to both countries is Iraq, where the two sides have vital interests that could conflict.

Washington sees Iraqi Kurds as key allies in bringing stability to the country. Turkey, however, is terrified that growing Iraqi Kurdish power could inspire Kurds in Turkey.

A turning point for Turkey came in 2003 when U.S. forces seized 11 Turkish soldiers in northern Iraq whom they suspected of plotting to assassinate a top Iraqi Kurdish official. U.S. soldiers handcuffed the Turks and put sacks on over their heads, which many Turks considered an extreme humiliation.

The book is "fiction, but in Turkey everyone is questioning whether there will eventually be a conflict between America and Turkey," Cem Kucuk, an editor at Times Yayinlari, the book's publisher, said in an interview Tuesday.



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# Differing dreams divide Europe and America

BY GEORGE JAHNM  
The Associated Press

VIENNA, Austria — Despite all the upbeat talk between President Bush and European leaders last week, the trans-Atlantic alliance has turned into an obstacle course of conflicting goals, approaches and dreams.

For older generations it is a disquieting change from the years when Europe and the United States largely stood in Cold War unity against the Soviet Union. Today's alliance is riddled by discord, suggesting that a West unified by shared values is fading into history.

Bush and his European counterparts sought to banish such fears, declaring the alliance is alive and well. "No power on earth will ever divide us," Bush vowed, while French President Jacques Chirac said the U.S. president was now ready for "a true partnership."

The differences and rivalries have always been there, but now that the Cold War is over, they stand out in much sharper relief — over Iraq, Iran's nuclear program, weapons trade with China and sanctions on Syria. And some think the divide is deeper and beyond repair. "The old West is dead," says British historian Timothy Garton Ash. American author Jeremy Rifkin says a growing rift between "an American reality and a European one."

Seven-week European holidays, free college education, universal health care, clean city streets and relatively low crime rates are already the envy of

Americans, even as Europeans wrestle with the high cost of sustaining welfare and unemployment rates stay well above America's.

But Rifkin says differences run much deeper — and could have potentially significant consequences. "I think we think fundamentally differently," he says. "We speak a different language."

In his book, "The American Dream," Rifkin outlines characteristics pushing the two peoples apart. "The American Dream puts an emphasis on economic growth, personal wealth and independence," he writes. "The new European Dream focuses more on sustainable development, quality of life, and interdependence."

These differences are nothing new, but they have come into much sharper focus since the end of the Cold War removed the threat that united Europe and America. Europe since World War II.

Europeans have united across the old Iron Curtain into a 25-nation bloc which they believe can finally lay aside centuries of hatreds. To European nations on the outside, the prospect of membership in this wealthy, borderless European Union is a powerful incentive to follow the European model, not the American one.

The geopolitical rift was highlighted first over Iraq and now Iran. The Europeans believe Iran's insistence on nuclear technology with weapons potential is negotiable; Washington seeks to isolate Tehran, and does not rule out military action.

"It's over," said Rifkin of the past trans-Atlantic era.

"We're not going to be enemies but more like relatives who have grown apart over the years."

**"The American Dream puts an emphasis on economic growth, personal wealth and independence. The new European Dream focuses more on sustainable development, quality of life, and interdependence."**

Jeremy Rifkin  
Author

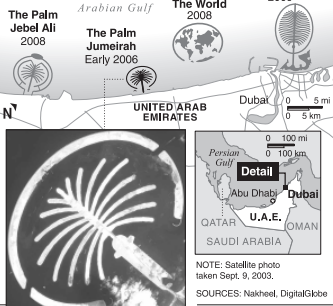
## A rush to claim the reclaimed

The \$14 billion worth of islands off the coast of Dubai — some of which are already being covered in luxury hotels and villas — form the world's largest land reclamation project and one of its most fanciful land rushes.

Land developments and estimated completion dates

The Palm Jebel Ali 2008  
The Palm Jumeirah Early 2006

The Palm Deira 2009



## Fantasy islands

Dubai reshapes its geography with creative land-reclamation effort

The Associated Press

DUBAI, United Arab Emirates — From the air, it's an astonishing sight: two gigantic palm trees fallen flat on the sea, which on closer inspection turn out to be an intricate network of manmade islands.

And beyond the palms there's more — 300 artificial islets laid out like a map of the world. There's France, Florida, Ohio, even a mini-Antarctica basking in the 90-degree heat.

The \$14 billion project that is reshaping this segment of the Persian Gulf coast is the world's largest land reclamation effort and the focus of one of its most fanciful land rushes. It's also part of Dubai's ambitions to rival Singapore and Hong Kong as a business hub, Las Vegas as a leisure capital.

The wealthy are already snapping up the homes on offer, even though few have been built, none have been occupied, and some exist only on maps of what is still open sea.

Even so, nonexistent properties are being sold and resold at serious premiums.

"We have watched it from the beginning. It has just been extraordinary," said Brian Scudder of Oryx Real Estate, a Dubai firm. Scudder said the properties, listed at \$780,000 to \$1.4 million, have doubled in price since hitting the market in May 2003.

When the entire project is complete, in five years, there will be three "palms" linked to the mainland by causeways, plus the 6-by-4-mile archipelago The World, to multiply Dubai's beachfront tenfold to more than 400 miles.

However, the manmade islands are not without their problems.

Environmentalist says some of the millions of tons of sand and rock dropped on the seabed have buried coral reefs. And hundreds of thousands of new islanders will be living just 10 feet above the waterline. Last month, giant waves swept away five workers on the Palm Jebel Ali, one of whom drowned.

## Clinton: 'Drain on military' will boost diplomacy

TOKYO — Former President Clinton said Saturday he expects diplomacy to play a larger role in President Bush's second term in office because of "the drain on our military."

Speaking at an international forum in Japan, Clinton said Bush's second-term appointment of Condoleezza Rice as secretary of state marked a new beginning for the administration.

"I think by sending Condoleezza Rice to the State Department, [the president] was saying diplomacy will be more important in his second term," Clinton said. "The drain on our military has made this administration more interested in diplomacy."

Clinton also was in Tokyo to promote a Japanese-language edition of his best-selling memoir "My Life."

Listing a series of trouble spots from Iran to North Korea, Clinton said the need for diplomacy is greater than ever.

"If you look at the stress on our military, I think most people in the Bush administration would be thrilled if diplomacy works with Iran," he said.

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## Sunday Horoscope

The moon and Jupiter are in artist Libra, the sign of aesthetic genius. Cosmic Pisces energy emphasizes the inner resources needed to create. The novelist John Steinbeck, born on this day in 1902, said this about creativity: "Ideas are like rabbits. You get a couple and learn how to handle them, and a pretty soon, you have a dozen."

### TODAY'S BIRTHDAY

**February 27.** You believe in yourself this year, and others believe in you, too. In fact, you are being groomed for advancement over the next 10 weeks. Relocation is an option, but take it extremely carefully before making a move. In May, your confidence attracts passion. Big money follows an educated risk in July. Love signs are Taurus and Cancer.

### ARIES (March 21-April 19)

Dropping some outmoded idea about who you are is lucky! Model your actions after the extremely well-mannered. It will widen your circle of friends and colleagues and get you invited to the places everyone wants to be.

### TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

You wake up with no plans, no agenda either mental or written, and no idea what the day will bring. Is this the recipe for adventure or disaster? Team up with a Sagittarius, and it's definitely the former.

### GEMINI (May 21-June 21)

Your excellent taste guides others. Why is it your job to point out the glaringly obvious or inexcusably bad? Because it just is. So state your piece quickly, like someone pulling off a bandage, and move on.

### CANCER (June 22-July 22)

You are supersensitive to all the many forces at work that affect you. When someone disrupts your manner or infringes on your rights, tell them in the moment what they are doing instead of storing up resentment.

### LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

You're back to the feeling that you don't quite know yourself well enough to

move forward in life. A hint for self-knowledge: Your actions reflect your personal policy, which is either uncorrosive or corrosive.

### VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

Get physical. Taking on a big clearing project has Zen benefits. It's remarkable what a little hard work can do for your body, soul and spirit. Your love life revs up as a result.

### Holiday Mathis



### LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23)

Everyone wants to feel secure — it's a basic human need. But in some area, you are using the idea of security as a weapon to suffocate your dream. Don't wait until things are perfect to move ahead.

### SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21)

The world responds kindly to your honesty and appreciates your lack of pretense. Because you're so open, you're physically a bit vulnerable now. Fight grimes by washing your hands often.

### SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

Your social mores are challenged as you endure someone's bad dinner party or thoughtless comment. Rising above the situation will bring you the admiration of one who matters to you.

### CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

You're not alone in your pursuit, or at least you don't have to be. Family members want to help you, but you have to ask — and then inspire, cajole and cheer them on. With teamwork, you get the job done.

### AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

Sure, you're a dreamer. But shouldn't a family artist's goal include a crystal-clear image of what you want to be? Live in that image for a few hours, and you'll bring your dormant or struggling desire back to life.

### PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

Control issues come to the fore. You'll find yourself vexed by someone's inadequacy, but it would be the height of rudeness to correct your offender. Just be double sure that you are not a perpetrator of a similar offense.

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## 'Kid' older than you may think

Please tell me when, where, and how the term "kid" came to mean a child.

We can be pretty sure that the use of "kid" to refer to a child is an extended use of "kid" to mean the young of some animals. "Kid" is most familiar as the word for a young goat, but in fact it was foremost used in and in some cases can still be used for the young of various other related animals. The word is ultimately of Scandinavian origin.

The use of "kid" to mean "a child" is not at all a recent development. Its first known appearance in writing was in a 16th-century comedy called "The Old Law."

The Oxford English Dictionary states that "kid" in this sense was originally "low slang" but that it became established in more general use during the 19th century.

The "child" sense of "kid" first became common among the British, and the British have fully accepted it. It is, undoubtedly, an informal word, but that need not be seen as a disadvantage. "Kid" in this sense can be found in the works of many of America's finest writers: Robert Frost, Bernard Malamud, Frank O'Connor, and Mary McCarthy among others.

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## Military spouses are unsung heroes of combat deployments

**Dear Abby:** I am writing to tell you about some of the bravest, strongest, most resilient people I know — military spouses. So often people write you about problems, troubles or issues. Perhaps my letter will bring a smile to someone's face.

I am in the Army, currently deployed to Iraq. Here I have to worry about my soldiers and myself. They are great guys who make it easy for me, as they all act maturely and professionally.

While I am here, my wife is back home worrying about me. She does all the chores around the house, cooks, takes care of our three sons, helps them with homework, holds down a full-time job, and still finds time to keep our children enrolled in whatever extra activities they can do.

She is now filling the roles of both mother and father. Her strength amazes me. Once she was away for 10 days to attend a wedding, and I had to take vacation time to keep up with the house and the kids. I'm not saying my wife walks on water — although she swims well — but a lot of people send messages over here to the soldiers saying, "Thank you for your service." I personally think

the unsung heroes are the ones who fill the shoes of the soldiers when they are deployed.

I have been gone for a year and can't wait to return home. I'm planning family time, Mom and Dad time, and I'm also going to let my wife have some time of her own. I just want your readers to know that soldiers have people we look up to, too, and who we think are true American heroes.

### Dear Abby



### — Loving Soldier in Iraq

*Dear Soldier: I'm printing your love letter because I know you speak from many of those serving their country far from home. I agree that it takes a special kind of person to be a military spouse, someone with strength, courage and self-reliance. Military spouses are, indeed, unsung heroes.*

**Dear Abby:** I am 18, good-looking, and in great shape, but I haven't had a girlfriend since 2000. I am pretty sure the reason I refuse to have sex until I am married. I am very religious. When I marry and devote myself to my wife, I want to be able to truly say she has all of me physically, emotionally and spiritually. I want to look her in the eye and tell her honestly that I saved myself just for her.

## Explaining religious conversions to parents may be touchy subject

**Dear Annie:** My wife and I were raised Christian, and growing up, we attended church off and on. We've been married for 10 years, and although we do not share the faith, we have instilled our values and beliefs in our children.

Our daughter recently asked us what religion we are. My wife and I both looked at each other and said, "I don't know." We have had many discussions in the past about our beliefs and have come to the conclusion that we are not really "Christian." After much research, we discovered that we identify more with the Jewish faith. We have since contacted a rabbi and are talking about attending synagogue services.

We are not being irrational about this. We've talked about our beliefs for years. We just didn't realize that our religion felt right until our daughter asked us.

Our problem is, how do we explain this to our parents? I don't think they will understand our decision.

— Soon-to-Be California Jews

Dear California: Your parents

may never understand your decision, because religious belief and observance are intensely personal.

However, if you discuss with them the research you have done and the reasons behind your conversion, they might be able to accept it.

### Annie's Mailbox



Keep in mind that your parents may see this not as a religious choice, but as a complete rejection of them and the way they raised you. Try to be sensitive to that possibility and reassure them that it was their values which led you in this direction, and that your newfound faith will not cause a rift.

**Dear Annie:** My husband and I recently celebrated our 25th anniversary. I'm the eldest of five siblings and the only one still married to my original spouse. My siblings are all in their second or third marriages.

Each time one of my siblings remarried, my parents gave them a very generous monetary gift. However, for this big anniversary, they sent us only a greeting card.

We feel slighted. We are both

A lot of girls in college are just looking for sex, and that's not me. Granted, I do date — but after about two weeks, when they find out I don't want to have sex, they don't like that. It has been quite frustrating to the point that my parents asked me if I was gay, because I haven't brought home a steady girlfriend.

**Dear Abby:** My girl says I want a nice guy? It doesn't seem that way. I'm considering changing my persona and becoming a hard-time partner and forgetting about my commitment to abstinence, because it seems that girls just want the "bad" boy. If you would respond to that, it would be great. God bless.

— Alone in Arizona

**Dear Alone:** Please don't give up or compromise your values. My dear departed grandpa A.B. has a saying: "If you want to catch trout, don't go fishing in a herring barrel."

Since you want a girl with strong conservative values like your own — and they do exist — affiliate with a church-based youth group, or try an Internet Christian dating service. Many girls are praying to meet someone just like you, so don't give up.

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professionals, have no children and are comfortable financially, so money is not the issue. But they didn't offer to commemorate the day by taking us to dinner or doing anything special. Do we have to get divorced to get their attention?

I'm sure my parents have no idea how upset we are. Should we broach the subject or suffer in silence? We find ourselves avoiding them because of the hurt. What do you suggest?

— Silver Anniversary

**Dear Silver:** You should speak up, otherwise this smolder could turn into a large chasm. This has nothing to do with your siblings, for whom your parents would naturally want to give gifts when they marry. However, 25 years together is quite an accomplishment these days, and it would have been nice if the occasion had been marked with more celebration.

You cannot demand that your parents give you a gift or take you to dinner. That is up to them. But you can let them know how you feel.

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## RELIGION

# Racing and Jesus: Whatever brings them in

## Church in Virginia tries to connect to community with NASCAR Sunday

BY BILL FREEHLING  
The Free Lance-Star

M FREDERICKSBURG, VA. minutes before one of Sunday's services at Salem Fields Community Church, Thomas Foster drove a few laps around the Daytona 500 track.

The 3-year-old was in Spotsylvania County—not in Florida for the big race. He was taking his turn in a simulator that lets people experience driving in NASCAR's premier event.

Inside the yellow No. 5 Kellogg's car—which has an engine but can't be driven—were steering wheels, accelerators, brake pedals and video screens.

Two drivers at a time could race the 23-car field. The car was parked outside Salem Fields as part of NASCAR Sunday, the church's second annual event combining racing and Jesus.

Pictures of NASCAR drivers were

throughout the Gordon Road church.

A mini No. 8 car and Goodyear tire were

on its stage, where a

band played country. Church officials wore black T-shirts saying "NASCAR Sunday pit crew."

A big-screen television was set up for the race.

The point, said co-pastor Buddy Marston, is to attract people who love NASCAR but haven't been going to church.

"Our church tries to find what the culture connects with," Marston said.

"And then connect them with Christ and the church."

It seemed to work. About 700 people attended Sunday's 11 a.m. service, and

church officials estimate another 700 people total went to the weekend's other two services.

NASCAR Sunday isn't the only out-of-the-ordinary event the church puts on.

The church has held concerts on New Year's Eve and an annual Biker Day service in June that last year drew 250 motorcycles.

"We try to reach out to the community anyway we can," said Ian Soper, the church's communications director.

Salem Fields is decidedly more casual

than most churches. Most people wear blue jeans and T-shirts—attire that church member Ken

Lardie said is more welcoming.

Sunday's service opened with a band blasting out the lyrics of "I'm From This Country."

But then the service got serious. Marston, who is co-pastor with his wife, Gaye, delivered a sermon about the importance of never lying.

Using a NASCAR metaphor, he said his marriage was troubled until he started being honest.

"We were on this giant oil slick," Marston said.

The church served lunch and showed the race after the 11 a.m. service. People lined up for their shots inside the No. 5 car.

Thomas Foster had already been there, done that. He grinned widely after exiting the car, slyly saying he had won the race. Buddy Marston said during his sermon that he was glad for "outside-the-box" activities such as the NASCAR simulator.

After all, whether the drivers win, lose or draw, they're doing so at church. And that's the point.

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**Buddy Marston**  
Co-pastor of Salem Fields Community Church, Fredericksburg, Va.

Rabbi Eliyahu Safran, senior rabbinic coordinator for Orthodox Union, says Triaminic cough syrup is the first over-the-counter medication the union has certified as acceptable under the dietary laws of Orthodox Judaism.



## Over-the-counter drugs go kosher

Triaminic passes the test; can Maalox be far behind?

BY ELIZABETH LESURE  
The Associated Press

NEW YORK—Name-brand foods like Oreos, Duncan Hines cake mixes and Raisin Bran cereal are among the thousands of packaged goods on supermarket shelves that are certified as kosher.

But it's not so easy to find kosher-certified over-the-counter medicines, which Rabbi David Heber called "the last frontier."

That may be changing. The Orthodox Union, the most recognized certifier of kosher products in the country, has endorsed Triaminic cough syrup, making it the first mainstream over-the-counter medication the union has deemed acceptable under the dietary laws of Orthodox Judaism.

Efforts to develop a kosher Maalox are in the preliminary stages.

Triaminic, in packages bearing the OU symbol, was shipped to stores beginning last July after a division of the brand's parent company, Novartis Consumer Health, worked with the union for a year and a half to certify eight varieties of the syrup.

Smaller labels and herbal or homeopathic lines have been certified in the past. And the anticid fund was approved by Diamond-K, a smaller certifier, in the late 1990s, according to Rabbi Rachmiel Liberman, Diamond-K's executive director.

But many mainstream, brand-name products are problematic for observant Jews because of ingredients like gelatin or glycerin, which contain materials derived from non-kosher animals.

Though prescription medications are not subject to dietary laws because they are considered lifesaving, Orthodox rabbis

say vitamins or products used to treat non-life-threatening conditions should be certified as kosher when possible, especially because they often contain flavors that make them more palatable.

"It makes things easier when you're dealing with children and they're sick," said Arlene Mathes-Scharf, a food scientist who runs kashrut.com, a Web site that posts information about kosher products.

Rabbi Eliyahu Safran, senior rabbinic coordinator for the Orthodox Union, said the kosher-certified cough syrup would appeal broadly not only to Jews who keep kosher but to others who follow religious dietary guidelines or are lactose intolerant.

"Consumers are more sophisticated today," Safran said. He likened the symbol of kosher certification to the Good Housekeeping seal of approval.

## Relation of Genesis to ancient myths creates dissension

BY RICHARD N. OSTLING  
The Associated Press

The Bible opens by depicting the creation from the cosmic viewpoint, after which it repeats the story from an earthbound vantage.

Some may be shocked by the idea that the first account (Genesis 1:1-2:3) might have links with ancient pagan myths. But conservative as well as liberal scholars consider this likely.

However, they differ on the extent and meaning of the relationship.

Relevant pagan writings are assessed by Victor Hurowitz of Israel's Ben-Gurion University of the Negev in the cover story for the 20th anniversary issue of the ever-interesting Bible Review magazine.

In 1876, George Smith, a British engraver who became a cataloger of ancient texts in the British Museum, published English translations of myths from ancient Mesopotamia (today's Iraq). They included a creation story titled "Enuma Elis" (from the first two words in Akkadian, translated as "when above").

Smith thought the Genesis creation "was simply an abbreviated Hebrew version of a more ancient Babylonian tale," Hurowitz wrote.

A 1902 book by Germany's Friedrich Delitzsch popularized the idea that Genesis simply transferred the leading god of "Enuma" into the God of Israel. Hurowitz says Delitzsch's "anti-Semitic and anti-Christian insinuations" indicated that "Mesopotamian religion was on an equal if not higher level than that of the Hebrew Bible and that the Bible contains no religious truth of its own."

A more moderate 1951 interpretation came in Alexander Heidel's "The Babylonian Genesis." Some said the similarities between Genesis and "Enuma" weren't as striking as earlier scholars claimed and "the divergences are much more far-reaching and significant than are the resemblances."

Both writings sought to explain the same phenomena but might be totally unrelated, he said, since these general ideas were abroad in ancient times.

Conservative scholars readily acknowledged a literary relationship. But Meredith Kline of Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary in Massachusetts wrote that in Genesis, the Mesopotamian myth's "worldview is repudiated, even ridiculed, and most effectively so" at the points where the two texts correspond.

Kenneth Humphries of Beeson Divinity School in Alabama said that "Enuma" is interested mostly in the origin of various gods and cultural institutions, including Babylon itself. Most important, perhaps, the Babylonian gods did not create the cosmos but merely organized pre-existing matter.

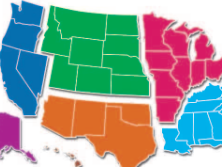
"The specific parallels are fewer than originally thought, and even the best ones are not entirely certain," he concludes. Both writings developed humanity's common beliefs "in their own unique manner."



## Trump's taller tower

**IL** CHICAGO — Donald Trump's plans for his condominium and hotel tower in downtown Chicago may get a little bit taller.

According to a city spokesperson, Trump and the city are in discussions over design plans that could make Trump's skyscraper slightly taller than Chicago's 1,450-foot Sears Tower.



## AMERICAN ROUNDUP

### Comic (shop) heroes

**AZ** FLAGSTAFF — A man has recovered a comic book collection worth more than \$140,000 that was taken from his home in a burglary. The suspected burglars sold the collection, which included early issues of the "Amazing Spider-Man" and the "Fantastic Four," to a used bookstore for \$600. Store staff eventually helped police identify two suspects.

### Authorities kill tiger

**CA** MOORPARK — Authorities shot and killed a tiger Wednesday that had been roaming for days in the hills near the Ronald Reagan Presidential Library.

The cat was shot several hundred yards from school soccer and baseball fields at the edge of a housing development, said Lorna Bernard, a spokeswoman for the California Department of Fish and Game. Authorities still don't know who the owner is.

Federal wildlife service trackers had to shoot to kill because a tranquilizer would have taken several minutes to bring down the animal and the hunters or others could have been in danger.

### Girl convicted of murder

**FL** PENSACOLA — A 15-year-old girl was convicted of second-degree murder for slitting the throat of a longtime friend over a dispute about fireworks.

The jury deliberated for four hours before returning the verdict Tuesday against Christine Rogers in the 2003 death of 15-year-old Ashley Harvey. Rogers was tried as an adult and could face up to life in prison at a sentencing scheduled for March 23.

Harvey died to death after being stabbed in the neck by Rogers.

Witnesses testified that the two girls fought because Rogers believed Harvey was shooting fireworks at one of her younger sisters.

### Road-kill candy ruckus

**NJ** TRENTON — Animal rights activists are disgusted by a new candy from Kraft Foods Inc. that's shaped like critters run over by cars — complete with tire tracks.

The fruity-flavored Trolli Road Kill Gummi Candy — in shapes of partly flattened snakes, chickens and squirrels — fosters cruelty toward animals, according to the New Jersey Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals.

"It sends the wrong message to children, that it's OK to harm animals. And that's the wrong message, especially from a so-called

wholesome corporation like Kraft," said society spokesman Matthew Stanton.

The society is considering petition drives, boycotts and letter-writing campaigns to get the candy pulled from the market, Stanton said.

### Spelling bee controversy

**WY** CHEYENNE — A week after the outcome of the local spelling bee was challenged by one of the contestants, organizers have named two winners.

Zack Anderson and Jennifer Black, both 13, will receive first-place trophies, bee sponsor Cindy Sot said Wednesday.

Anderson originally won last week's bee and was given the first-place trophy when Black missed the word "phlebitis." Black spelled it with an "L."

But Black appealed to the judges, saying she spelled it wrong because the judges incorrectly told her the word's origin was Latin. She said the "ph" spelling showed the word came from New Latin.

After the judges looked up the word and saw Black was right, they resumed the spell-off, which Black eventually won.

### Vagabond emu returns

**WA** MOXEE — Emma is home again after nearly a year on the lam, and Diana Parker is one happy emu owner.



### Golden cargo

Armed Brink's guards Tyrone Woods, left, and Ismael Suren, right, unload one of two eight-foot Oscar statues from an armored truck at Gabriel's Bar and Restaurant in New York.

"I thought for sure she was gone," Parker said of her beloved bird, who hails from Australia and is related to the ostrich. "She would've been a lovely Sunday roast for somebody."

Parker, 60, said Emma vanished while she was away in March, about six months after she got the 3-year-old bird. She immediately alerted the Humane Society, Yakima County sheriff's office, property owners and workers in nearby hop fields.

After a week of fruitless searching, she gave up. To console her, a friend gave Parker two 3-week-old emus, Eddie and Baby.

Then, on Tuesday, both a neighborhood boy and a family friend saw Emma not far from her old stomping grounds.

### Breast implant death

**FL** TALLAHASSEE — An administrative law judge recommended Wednesday that a doctor lose his medical license because of mistakes involving a patient who died after getting breast implants.

Judge Susan B. Harrell found that Dr. Kurt Dangel gave improper care to Julie Rubenstein, 38, who stopped breathing temporarily during breast enlargement surgery in 2003. She suffered brain damage from lack of oxygen and died a few months later.

Among Dangel's mistakes was giving the woman a larger dose of anesthesia than she should have received, Harrell found. Dangel also asked untrained co-workers to try to find the woman's pulse when she stopped breathing and her heart stopped beating for a time, the judge found.

Dangel's case now goes before the Board of Medicine, which will decide whether to revoke his license, state Health Department spokeswoman Lindsay Hodges said.

### Alaskan eruption

**AK** A 5,029-foot volcano on Alaska's Atka Island erupted briefly this week, sending ash and steam to about 8,000 feet, according to the Alaska Volcano Observatory.

Two other restless volcanoes — Mount Spurr west of Anchorage and Mount Veniaminof on the Alaska Peninsula — remained relatively quiet, said Chris Waythomas, a scientist with the observatory.

Several Atka village residents reported seeing a burst Wednesday evening from Korovin Volcano that drifted east, followed by more steaming on Thursday morning, scientists said. But no ash fell on the village, home to about 90 people.

### Voters may need ID

**WI** MADISON — Wisconsin voters would have to show a state or military picture identification card before casting ballots under legislation the Assembly approved. The bill now goes to the Senate. Currently, people who already are registered must only give their name and address before voting. Republicans have been pushing for tougher rules after reports of possible voter fraud in Milwaukee.



### Pooch phobia

Teacher Marvia Reece, left, shows student Felix Montalvo, 11, an American Bulldog puppy at Edison Middle School in Miami. Reece's class was learning about the word "phobia." Cynophobia is the fear of dogs.



### Sibling squabble

Three Indo-Chinese tiger cubs playfully nip each other at the Henry Doorly Zoo in Omaha, Neb.



### Snow arms race

Jillian Crabtree, 13, left, gathers snow to toss at Alix Davis, 13, during a snowfight in Woodbridge, Va.





Gas and go

A vehicle drags a gasoline pump hose westbound on U.S. 50, just east of the Severn River Bridge near Annapolis, Md. An unmarked police car pulled the driver over.



A slight problem

A rescue worker helps to control an accident after a truck slid off the southbound lanes of Interstate 81 onto the northbound lanes in Martinsburg, W.Va.



And wait till you see how they floss them ... Kenneth Dunn, a building maintenance worker, cleans the tongue in the Dental Health Theatre before school groups arrived in St. Louis.

## Victim to get proceeds

**CO** DENVER — A 9-year-old girl will receive \$129,000 from the sale of the home of a man accused of sexually assaulting her two years ago.

The money will be put into a trust fund for the girl, who was 7 when she was assaulted, said District Attorney's Office spokeswoman Lynn Kimbrough.

Officials said the award was the largest so far to a single crime victim in Denver's property-confiscation program.

The house was seized as a public nuisance after 73-year-old Alfred Kaufman was convicted of attempted sexual assault. The girl had gone to his home to play with his cats.

## Screening out road jams

**MA** BOSTON — State highway officials have bought 27 sets of large, portable, vinyl screens, to use statewide. The goal is to keep drivers moving.

The Massachusetts Highway Department has bought 27 sets of large, portable, vinyl screens, to use statewide. The goal is to keep drivers moving.

"It's a great tool for us to prevent congestion," state Highway Commissioner John Cogliano said. "It's been very effective in stopping rubbernecking during traffic incidents."

The 7-foot tall, 10-foot wide tarps attach to piping and are stored in emergency response vehicles. They were used Tuesday at the scene of a truck rollover on Interstate 93 in Somerville.

## Ku Klux Klan auction

**MI** HOWELL — A businessman who drew criticism from community and civil rights leaders for holding an auction of Ku Klux Klan items plans to hold another auction of similar materials, including a Klan robe.

Gary Gray of the Ole Gray Nash Auction House told WHMI-AM/FM that he will auction off nearly a dozen Klan-related items April 9.

A similar auction in January drew numerous protesters and spectators and brought in at least \$24,000, the auction house said.

Gray, 51, said public scrutiny surrounding the first auction prompted many calls from people who had Klan-related items to sell, but who couldn't get them to him in time.

The NAACP branch in neighboring Oakland County and other civil rights groups have blasted the auctions as insensitive.

## Seized dogs in demand

**ME** AUGUSTA — Hundreds of people have contacted the Kennebec Valley Humane Society seeking to adopt the 72 dogs that were taken during the weekend from a kennel in Hudson where they were living in unsanitary conditions.

Roxanne Brann, executive director of the humane society, said she has received more than 300 adoption applications since the animals' plight was reported. The dogs were seized from Merle Knaughton's kennel after he called the Maine animal welfare program to say he could no longer care for the animals.

"We're not letting anyone see

them right now, but the day [the dogs] are available, we're going to have to turn some people away," Brann said.

Knaughton met with animal control officials on Friday, saying it was best if he got out of the kennel business because he could no longer care for the dogs by himself, said Norma Worley, director of the state's animal welfare program.

## Campaign aims to shame

**CA** OAKLAND — Buy sex from a hooker in Oakland and you may lose your car and see your picture placed on a billboard or bus shelter.

That's the warning city and police officials sounded this week as they initiated a new "shaming campaign" to crack down on prostitution.

The program will include surveillance cameras erected by merchants along busy International Boulevard, where residents say the blatant prostitution trade has hurt business. Videotapes of those soliciting prostitutes will be handed over to police and county prosecutors.

## Police torture case

**TN** KNOXVILLE — Two more former law officers pleaded guilty to beating and torturing a suspected drug dealer for two hours in his home last summer. Two others pleaded guilty earlier. All were employees of the Campbell County Sheriff's Office and have since been fired. They were accused of handcuffing and terrorizing Lester Eugene Siler, 42.

## Tempting locomotive

**NY** NEW YORK — A man who has been arrested repeatedly for pretending to be a transit worker pleaded guilty Thursday to trying to steal a locomotive, prosecutors said.

In June, Darius McCollum, 39, went into a Long Island Rail Road yard, posed as a safety consultant and asked how to operate a new type of engine that had just been delivered, Queens District Attorney Richard Brown said in a news release.

McCollum later was found with stolen keys, including one used to operate the new locomotive, Brown said.

## Polygamous judge

**UT** ST. GEORGE — The Utah Judicial Conduct Commission has recommended that a judge be removed from the bench because he is a polygamist.

The order was reached after Judge Walter Steed and his attorney Rod Parker held a confidential meeting with commission members in January. It now goes directly to the Utah Supreme Court.

Steed, who has served as Justice Court judge in the polygamous border town of Hildale since 1980, is legally married to one woman and spiritually married to two other women, and has 32 children. He is a member of the reclusive Fundamentalist Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, which dominates Hildale and Colorado City, Ariz.

The hearing panel concluded that Steed violated his oath of office because he was breaking the law.

Stories and photos from wire services

## AFRTS Television Schedule

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SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 2005

(AFN-FAMILY)	(AFN-EUROPE)	(AFN-EUROPE)	(AFN-KOREA)	(AFN-NEWS)	(AFN-SPORTS)	(SPECTRUM)	(AFN-PACIFIC)
9:00 House of Mouse	8:30 Movie *** "A River Runs Through It" (1992, Drama) Craig Shale, Brad Pitt, Tom Skerritt.	Movie *** "Jumping Ship" (2001, Adventure) Andy Lawrence, Joey Lawrence.	Andromeda An assassin steals the minds of scientists.	Headline News	NASCAR Racing Bush Series	Latin Lifestyles	Andromeda An assassin steals the minds of scientists.
9:30 Animaniacs				America's Black Forum	State Bros. 300. From California Speedway in Fontana, Calif. (Taped)	Urban Style	
10:00 Ed, Edd n Eddy				The Chris Matthews Show		Rocky Horror Picture Show	
10:30 Filmmen (E)		SpiegelBob SquarePants	Headline News	Navy/Marine Corps News		News on the Road	
11:00 A Walk in Your Shoes	Movie *** "Ride to Freedom: The Rosa Parks Story" (2002, Drama) Angela Bassett, Cicely Tyson.	Destinations	Judging Amy "Runningsnap"	Big Story Weekend Edition		Radical Sabbatical	Judging Amy "Runningsnap"
11:30 Planet's Funniest Animals		Headline News	Movie *** "Signs" (2002) Mel Gibson, Joaquin Phoenix	20/20	SportsCenter	All-American Festivals	Movie *** "Behind Enemy Lines" (2001) Owen Wilson, An American light navigator is stranded in war-torn Bosnia.
12:00 NBA Inside Stuff (E)		Movie *** "The Color Purple" (1985, Drama) Whoopi Goldberg, Danny Glover, Oprah Winfrey. Based on Alice Walker's parody of a rural black woman.	College Basketball Connect-out of Boston College. (Live)	Headline News	College Basketball Pac-10 - Teams TBA. (Live)	The Suez Canal	
12:30 Happy Days		Movie *** "The Princess Diaries" (2001) Lili Fini Andersson. An awkward teenager learns that she has royal blood.	Headline News	Headline News		This Far by Faith: African American Spiritual Journeys	
13:00 Rocket Power New Zealand's Junior Waiakamau Games.		Movie *** "Snow Dogs" (2002, Comedy) Cuba Gooding Jr., A Miami dentist becomes a sled-dog racer in Alaska.	Meet the Press	CBS News Sunday Morning	SportsCenter	Story of Top Gun	Meet the Press
13:30 Movie *** "The Princess Diaries" (2001) Lili Fini Andersson. An awkward teenager learns that she has royal blood.		WWE Smackdown!	America's Black Forum		NBA Fastbreak		
15:00 Doug "Qualman and LUB"		Andromeda An assassin steals the minds of scientists.	Access Hollywood	Face the Nation	SportsCenter	The "JAG Off" (Part 1 of 2)	America's Black Forum
16:00 The Family OddParents	True Hollywood Story	Headline News	Headline News	Headline News		Bad Dates	Access Hollywood
17:00 Rugrats		College GameDay	ESPNNews	Navy/Marine Corps News		Good Eats	ESPNNews
18:00 Nigel Marvin Specials "Piz-ah Primitives"		NBA Action	College Basketball Michigan State at Indiana. (Live)	Live Edition Primetime		My Wife and Kids	College Basketball Michigan State at Indiana. (Live)
19:00 America's Funniest Home Videos	Movie *** "The Color Purple" (1985, Drama) Whoopi Goldberg, Danny Glover, Oprah Winfrey. Based on Alice Walker's parody of a rural black woman.	NASCAR Racing Nextel Cup Series - Auto Club 500. From California Speedway in Fontana, Calif. (Live)	College Basketball Teams to Be Announced. (Live)	FOX News		Hope & Faith (Part 1 of 2)	
20:00 Diary of Anne Frank (Part 1 of 2)				FOX News		All of Us 'Out of the Picture'	
20:30 The Cosby Show	9:54 Movie *** "First Daughter" (1994, Suspense) Milla Jovovich, Doug Savant.		College Basketball Oklahoma State at Kansas. (Live)	Meet the Press		All of Us 'Out of the Picture'	
22:00 Home Improvement				FNS with Chris Wallace		Friends	College Basketball Oklahoma State at Kansas. (Live)
22:30 Touched by an Angel "Millennium"	"Have Rocket, Will Travel"					Seinfeld	
23:00						Mac TV	

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 2005

00:30 The Family OddParents	(11-43) Movie *** "Have Rocket, Will Travel" (1959, Comedy) The Three Stooges.	NASCAR Racing	Play With Me Sesame	Tim Ruscett	SportsCenter	Austin City Limits "Shawn Colvin with Special Guests"	Play With Me Sesame
01:30 Nigel Marvin Specials "Piz-ah Primitives"		ESPNNews	Bear in the Big Blue House	Hollywood's Gold Rush		Hope & Faith (Part 1 of 2)	Bear in the Big Blue House
1:30 America's Funniest Home Videos	(14) Movie *** "Escape From New York" (1981) Kurt Russell, Adrienne Barbeau.	Headline News	Little Bill (E)		NBA Basketball Miami Heat at Orlando Magic. From the TD Waterhouse Centre in Orlando, Fla. (Live)	All of Us 'Out of the Picture'	Bill (E)
2:00 Diary of Anne Frank (Part 1 of 2)	Movie *** "First Daughter" (1994, Suspense) Milla Jovovich, Doug Savant.	Oscar Countdown 2005 (Live)	Wheel of Fortune	This Week		All of Us 'Out of the Picture'	Dr. Phil
3:30 Sesame Street (E)	(4-46) Movie *** "Dad" (1969) Jack Lemmon, Ted Danson. A stockbroker tries to reinvigorate his estranged father.	The 77th Annual Academy Awards Festivities at the Kodak Theatre in Hollywood recognizes excellence in motion pictures. Host Chris Rock. (Live)	Oprah Winfrey	Dating International		NCS "The Weak Link"	Oprah Winfrey
5:00 Barney & Friends (E)	Headline News	Headline News	Headline News	CNN Prime Cuts		Friends	Headline News
6:00 Blue's Clues "Puppets" (E)	Headline News	Headline News	(13) General Hospital	CNN Sunday Night		Seinfeld	Judge Judy
7:00 Dragon Tales (E)	Naomi Campbell Revealed	Play With Me Sesame	Larry King Live	60 Minutes		Caribbean Workout	(13) General Hospital
7:30 Bob the Builder	Headline News	Headline News	Mucha Lucha teamwork	Fox Magazine		Typical Mary Ellen	The View
8:00 The Wiggles	Headline News	Headline News	Mucha Lucha teamwork	60 Minutes		The View	Aladdin "Fowl Weather"
8:30 Dora the Explorer	Entertainment Tonight	Headline News	Mary-Kate and Ashley	The Sebelows Boys		30-Minute Meals	Kim Possible (E)
9:00 Stanley	Movie "Full Circle" (1996) Ten Pit, Corbin Bernsen. A successful young woman struggles to trust and love again.	Headline News	Headline News	Fox News Watch		Paula's Home Cooking	Headline News
9:30 Reading-Sesame Cat	(14-49) Oprah Winfrey	Headline News	Headline News	60 Minutes		Cooking Challenge	Headline News
10:00 Arthur (E)	(15-49) Oprah Winfrey	Headline News	Headline News	60 Minutes		Fashion Emergency	Pacific Report
10:30 Reading-Sesame Cat	(10-48) Movie *** "Rocky" (1976, Drama) Sylvester Stallone. A boxer loses the odds to make something of himself.	Headline News	Headline News	60 Minutes		The Great Brooke Burke	Oscar Countdown 2005
11:00 Stanley	Headline News	Headline News	Headline News	60 Minutes		The Great Brooke Burke	Oscar Countdown 2005
11:30 Dora the Explorer	Headline News	Headline News	Headline News	60 Minutes		The Great Brooke Burke	Oscar Countdown 2005
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14:00 Barney & Friends (E)	Headline News	Headline News	Headline News	60 Minutes		The Great Brooke Burke	Oscar Countdown 2005
14:30 Sesame Street (E)	Headline News	Headline News	Headline News	60 Minutes		The Great Brooke Burke	Oscar Countdown 2005
15:00 Funniest Home Videos	Headline News	Headline News	Headline News	60 Minutes		The Great Brooke Burke	Oscar Countdown 2005
15:30 Full House "Fast Friends"	Headline News	Headline News	Headline News	60 Minutes		The Great Brooke Burke	Oscar Countdown 2005
16:00 Pokemon	Headline News	Headline News	Headline News	60 Minutes		The Great Brooke Burke	Oscar Countdown 2005
16:30 Yu-Gi-Oh! (Part 1 of 3)	Headline News	Headline News	Headline News	60 Minutes		The Great Brooke Burke	Oscar Countdown 2005
17:00 Doug "Pilot's Day Dilemma"	Headline News	Headline News	Headline News	60 Minutes		The Great Brooke Burke	Oscar Countdown 2005
17:30 The Wild Thornberrys	Headline News	Headline News	Headline News	60 Minutes		The Great Brooke Burke	Oscar Countdown 2005
18:00 The Family OddParents	Headline News	Headline News	Headline News	60 Minutes		The Great Brooke Burke	Oscar Countdown 2005
18:30 Rugrats	Headline News	Headline News	Headline News	60 Minutes		The Great Brooke Burke	Oscar Countdown 2005
19:00 Lizzie McGuire	Headline News	Headline News	Headline News	60 Minutes		The Great Brooke Burke	Oscar Countdown 2005
19:30 "Isma's Reading the Magic"	Headline News	Headline News	Headline News	60 Minutes		The Great Brooke Burke	Oscar Countdown 2005
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**Q** Toby Keith's daughter sang with him at the Country Music Awards. Is she following in his footsteps? — Renie Hill (city unknown)

**A** Not yet. Krystal, 17, promised her dad that she'd postpone her musical ambitions until she graduated from college. Toby, 43, upheld his end of the bargain by asking her to join him on "Mockingbird." How does he rate Krystal's performance? "She nailed it," says the proud papa.

**Q** A year ago, Charlize Theron was at the top of her game, earning an Oscar. What happened to her highly touted next film, "Head in the Clouds"? — Bill and Nancy Bush, Thousand Oaks, Calif.

**A** Perhaps her head was in the clouds when she signed on to star with boyfriend Stuart Townsend in that romantic war drama. It opened in limited release in September, then vanished after disastrous reviews. The video came out Jan. 25, if you must see it. Theron's next try at a hit is the sci-fi thriller "Aeon Flux," with Frances McDormand, due out later this year.



Charlize Theron's career might bounce back with the release of the sci-fi film "Aeon Flux" later this year.

**Q** I'm a big fan of William Petersen, who plays Grissom on "CSI." Why are the producers phasing him out? — Tricia Elliott, Frisco, Texas

**A** They're not. Petersen, 52, simply is reducing his workload because of health concerns. But the producers tell us the tension between Grissom and crime-scene partner Catherine (Marg Helgenberger, 46, one of our favorites) will continue — to keep viewers guessing.



William Petersen, better known by "CSI" fans as Gil Grissom, is appearing less because of health concerns.



The mother-daughter team of Joan Rivers, right, and Melissa elicit a collective shudder from actors and viewers.

**Q** Joan Rivers and daughter Melissa will cover the Oscars (tonight). Doesn't the TV Guide Channel realize how annoying they are? — Dorothy Shock, Springdale, Pa.

**A** Doesn't everyone?

**Q** I've liked "Lost" star Naveen Andrews ever since "The English Patient." What's his background? — S. Petrova, Washington

**A** Born in England to Indian parents, Andrews has been a rebel most of his life. He ran away at 16 to join a rock band, won a scholarship to a music and drama school, was taken in by his former math teacher and had an affair with her at 18. His love of older women continues: In 1998, at 29, he fell for actress Barbara Hershey, 50. They're still together.

**Q** I just saw the '57 film "12 Angry Men." How many of its stars are still alive? — Joe Sauer, Bethlehem, Pa.

**A** Just three: Jack Warden, 84; Jack Klugman, 82; and John Fiedler, 80. Joseph Sweeney died at 79 in 1963; Ed Begley at 69 in 1970; Lee J. Cobb at 64 in 1976; George Voskovec at 76 in 1981; Henry Fonda at 77 in 1982; Robert Webber at 64 in 1989; Edward Binns at 74 in 1990; Martin Balsam at 76 in 1996; and E.G. Marshall at 84 in 1998.

**Q** O.J. Simpson's daughter Sydney was arrested in Miami for assaulting an officer. Is it a case of like father, like daughter? — Roger Brown, Dover, Del.

**A** Sounds to us like she's suffering for the sins of the father, rather than repeating them. Simpson family attorney Yale Galanter says Sydney, 19, was charged with "resisting arrest without violence" after slapping a cop's hand during a "girls' cat fight" at a prep basketball game. "The girls did not press charges," he adds, "but the police went forward after learning Sydney's identity." The police naturally deny this.

**Q** As first lady, Hillary Clinton received two horses from the children of Iceland for the children of America. What has happened to them? — Pete Turner, Pittsburgh

**A** In 2001, she gave the shaggy duo (Reimar, 15, and Spadi, 13) to Green Chimneys, a facility in upstate New York for kids with learning or emotional problems. They joined 16 other horses used as therapy.



**NO AWARD FOR YOU:** Actor Javier Bardem was shunned by Oscar selectors despite his brilliance playing a desperate, paralyzed man in "The Sea Inside." The movie itself was nominated for Best Foreign Language Film.

**Q** In your opinion, why did the Oscar voters overlook Javier Bardem's brilliant acting in "The Sea Inside"? — Kami C. Hawthorne, Calif.

**A** The voters are overwhelmingly Americans, which stacks the deck against actors in foreign-language films. Only Sophia Loren (1961) and Roberto Benigni (1998) overcame the odds. Bardem, 35, was nominated for "Before Night Falls" (2000), but he mostly spoke English. "The Sea Inside" is up for Best Foreign Language Film.





# OPINION

## What newspapers are saying at home

The following editorial excerpts are selected from a cross section of newspapers throughout the United States. The editorials are provided by The Associated Press and other statewide syndicates.

### Overall spending unchanged The State, Columbia, S.C.

In Congress, a supplemental budget should be just that — an addition to the regular spending plans for unanticipated expenses...

The supplemental defense budget the White House rolled out this month features some truly unexpected costs, such as adding more armor and other protection for our troops and aiding tsunami-relief efforts. But it also includes some items that clearly should be in the regular budget: the costs of expanding the military and redeploying units, for example. It's part of an ongoing restructuring of our forces to meet the challenge of the war on terror, surely no one can pretend that it's a surprise. Why, then, is it not included in the regular defense costs?

This is an effort to fudge the overall budget numbers in the name of looking fiscally responsible. Its being done so that the president and Congress can brag about their spending cutbacks, when some of that money has just been moved onto a different balance sheet. We're still spending it.

It's a time-honored trick of Washington accounting. But this shell game should fool no one.

### Influence far from authority (Denver) Rocky Mountain News

President Bush finally named the first director of national intelligence Feb. 17. The post was created Dec. 17 as part of the intelligence reform bill. The White House said the president took his time because he wanted to get the choice right. But he is known to have been turned down by three candidates, including former CIA Director Robert Gates, apparently over reservations about the actual powers of the job.

In the end, he picked John Negroponte, 65, a career diplomat who has served the Bush administration in two demanding posts, currently as the U.S. ambassador to Iraq and before that as ambassador to the United Nations when the United States was increasingly at odds with the Security Council over how to deal with Saddam Hussein.

The key question as he awaits Senate approval is: What kind of job is Negroponte getting? ...

Asked about the real power of the job, Bush replied that "people who control the money, people who have access to the president generally have a lot of influence." There is a real difference, as intelligence bureaucrats undoubtedly were quick to note, between influence and actual authority. It does appear that Negroponte will have much of the latter.

### Ex-presidents have their day Milwaukee Journal Sentinel

It seems appropriate that two former presidents spent Presidents Day working in behalf of tsunami victims in southern Asia. At the request of the current occupant of the White House, former Presidents Clinton and Bush have spent much of the last two months raising both public awareness and private dollars for the relief of countries devastated by the Dec. 26 earthquake and tsunami.

They have done their jobs well. The tour, which took them to Thailand, Indonesia, Sri Lanka and the Maldives, won't keep high public interest on relief efforts. In fact, it's estimated that 1 in 3 American households has already contributed money to tsunami relief.

But what's amazing in this era of vicious political attack and counterattack is to see



these two men working together and, apparently, enjoying each other's company. Don't forget that they were bitter political rivals in 1992; indeed, the success of the Clinton campaign denied Bush a second term. And it is no secret that the current president saw his successful run in 2000 as a vindication of his father's loss to Clinton.

What's going on here? Both former presidents have spoken about the good-hearted nature of the American people as it relates to the tsunami, and they reflect that characteristic. Both were moved by the tragedy, which left at least 169,000 dead and tens of thousands with drastically altered lives. As former public servants, Bush and Clinton no doubt were pleased to be asked to serve again.

Maybe say suggests that Clinton might see this as a way to parlay himself into leadership at the United Nations, and that "41" would do anything to help his son's standing in the international community.

Maybe so. But wouldn't it be wonderful if this was the start of something really big? Democrats and Republicans working together, respecting each other and really getting some productive work done? Honest folks disagreeing in the political arena but still willing to join hands for the common good? That's some relief we all could use.

### Thompson's impact not hazy Chicago Tribune

One of the great phenomena of the 2004 presidential campaign was the rise of "The Daily Show," a cable TV satire that exposes the hypocrisy of American politics with a mix of fact and fiction and steady laughs.

Brilliant, yes. Entirely new, no. Anyone who read the "gonzo" journalism of Hunter S. Thompson from the 1972 presidential campaign could recognize the original.

Thompson, who committed suicide at his Colorado home last Sunday, was his own best character. He thrust himself into events, be it a presidential campaign, a car race or a ride with the Hell's Angels.

Over the years, though, the character dissolved into caricature.

Thompson's embrace of gambling, boozing, drugs, firearms and his utterly carefree personality drew more attention to him than his writing did. ...

Thompson was one of the original, brilliant practitioners of New Journalism, that crazy blend of the techniques of the reporter and the novelist that, at its best, found truths that standard journalism couldn't draw out.

Thompson, for a time, had a rightful place alongside Tom Wolfe, Truman Capote, Norman Mailer and other pioneers of the craft.

### U.S.-Europe chasm not erased The Record of Bergen County, N.J.

It will take more than a whirlwind European tour for President Bush to repair the damage he has caused to some of America's oldest and strongest alliances.

For sure, his cross-Atlantic visit is a good start. And his conciliatory speech to European leaders last week was a welcome change from his administration's previous snide rhetoric toward these important allies.

But now the president will have to back up his words with actions. A deep gulf remains between the United States and the European Union on some crucial issues, including America's refusal to do anything about global warming and its rejection of the International Criminal Court.

The United States is wrong on both counts. But it's unlikely to budge as long as the Bush administration is in charge.

So America and Europe must look for areas in which they can cooperate. One of the most promising is the effort to resolve the Israeli-Palestinian conflict.

### Bush the same, live or on tape The Tampa (Fla.) Tribune

President Bush has a right to feel betrayed by a friend who secretly tape-recorded private conversations with him as he contemplated a run for the White House in 1988.

Doug Wead, who has written a book about presidential childhoods, played the conversations to a reporter for The New York Times and his book editor. Fortunately for Bush, what he says confirms much of what he said during his 2000 presidential campaign.

He seemed to regret some of the decisions of his youth. "I wouldn't answer the marijuana questions," he said. "You know why? Because I don't want some little kid knowing what I was doing."

He wasn't worried about the corrupting influence of power. "I have got a great wife. And I read the Bible daily. The Bible is pretty good about keeping your eye in check." ...

In other words, the private George Bush sounds an awful lot like the public president. We know who he is, which will reassure his friends and maybe even his more vociferous critics.

### Coming clean on Vieques The Morning Call, Allentown, Pa.

More than 50 years of bombings and other training operations by the U.S. military on an island east of Puerto Rico couldn't help but leave environmental contamination in their wake. Former Puerto Rican Gov. Sila Calderon fought hard for the cleanup of the eastern portion of Vieques, plus the nearby island of Culebra.

The federal Environmental Protection Agency recently acknowledged the seriousness of the contamination, adding Vieques to its National Priorities List, also known as "Superfund" sites scheduled for cleanup.

Federal funds will pay to clean up a variety of dangerous chemicals listed by the EPA as possible contaminants on Vieques and in surrounding waters, including: napalm, TNT, depleted uranium, PCBs, solvents and mercury. Some of the same chemicals were discovered on Culebra, but the EPA hasn't finished its assessment.

The federal government has come a long way from confrontations with Vieques residents over live-ammunition drills. Placing the area on the Superfund list reflects a proper moral duty to both Puerto Ricans and the environment.

### Profanity helps paint picture Los Angeles Times

War is hell, unless the Federal Communications Commission has a say in the matter.

Then it is reduced to heck, as occurred during Tuesday's broadcast of a "Frontline" report about U.S. troops fighting in Iraq. Fearful of being hit with stiff FCC indecency fines, the nonprofit Public Broadcasting System distributed a censored copy of a report chronicling U.S. soldiers charged with keeping Iraq's main highway open. The crew of "Frontline" showed a small group of soldiers who did their best under tough conditions, and who reacted in entirely human ways when their lives were threatened by the enemy.

But some viewers ... saw the censored version of the report, which presented the remarkable figure of soldiers in battle watching their language.

This country is awash in reality TV, except from the war front, where real-life portrayals are most needed. It's a shame that "Frontline" has become the latest casualty in an increasingly ugly culture war waged by conservative zealots eager to hijack the airwaves.

## YOUR MONEY

# Change may increase troops' tax refund

By RICK EMERT  
Stars and Stripes

Some troops may get hefty refunds this year thanks to tax-credit options for servicemembers who were deployed to a combat zone in 2004.

The Military Family Tax Relief Act of 2003 gives servicemembers the option of whether to include their nontaxable combat pay in figuring eligibility for the earned income tax credit, said Capt. Andrew Slitt, Wiesbaden (Germany) Tax Center officer in charge.

"This year, soldiers don't get penalized for their deployment income," Slitt said. "They can include it in their income or choose not to, whichever is more beneficial to them in figuring the

earned income credit."

The earned income credit primarily involves lower-income filers with children. The credit is based on income, with minimum and maximum income limits affecting how much of the credit a person earns. Soldiers may choose to add nontaxable combat pay to earn more of the credit, Slitt said.

Similarly, servicemembers can choose whether to include their nontaxable pay for computing the child-tax credit, which also has minimum and maximum income

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Capt. Andrew Slitt  
Wiesbaden (Germany) Tax  
Center officer in charge

ware that the tax centers use it and it automatically figures out if it is better to include the combat pay or not.

Slitt gave the example of an E-5 from the 1st Armored Division who had spent two months down-

requirements.

The change affects only nontaxable pay for troops in a combat zone, and does not include nontaxable allowances, such as housing and food, according to the IRS Web site ([www.irs.gov](http://www.irs.gov)).

Slitt added that the change is updated in the software in the so-

range. The soldier had \$23,000 of taxable wages and \$5,760 in combat pay.

The software tax office determined that the E-5's earned-income credit including the combat pay would be \$1,355. The credit was \$2,566 without the combat pay.

In the end, the soldier got a \$7,300 refund, Slitt said.

While the changes could increase the refund for a servicemember who was deployed to a combat zone, IRS tax-filing extensions ensure they won't be penalized for filing late.

Overseas civilians, servicemembers who were not deployed and other Americans not affiliated with the military have until June 15 to file their 2004 tax returns, Slitt said. However, if filers

owe taxes, they will pay interest beginning from April 15, he said.

Servicemembers who were deployed to a combat or hazardous-duty zone have 180 days from the date they return to file their taxes or from the date they leave the hospital if they were hospitalized from an injury in the combat zone, Slitt said. The extensions could lead to servicemembers filing two years of taxes this year, he said.

"If a soldier deployed in February 2003, he gets the extension from February to April 15 [2003], plus the 180 days at the end of the extension," he said. "We've had many soldiers coming in to file for 2003 and 2004 at the same time."

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# For some, no purchase is too small for credit

By DINA ELBOGHADY  
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON For years, Marcia Levi refused to accept either credit or debit cards for purchases under \$10 at her downtown gift shop, Chocolate Moose. Customers complained. She lowered the threshold to \$5. Customers still complained, so two years ago she gave up on any minimum.

"People come in and charge \$2.25 for a card or \$1.75 for jelly beans," said Levi, who co-owns Chocolate Moose with her sister Barbara. "It's annoying. In the past two years, they've just whipped out the card without thinking about it, no matter how small the purchase."

The persistence of her customers was no accident. Visa International, MasterCard Inc. and other card companies are working hard to make sure that no purchase is too small for plastic.

## A new niche

Faced with a saturated market where just about everyone who wants a credit card has one, the companies have set their sights on what by one estimate is the \$1.32 trillion in cash spent every year on purchases less than \$5. Emboldened by consumers willing to download songs at 99 cents a pop or cell phone ring tones at \$2 apiece, card companies are courting fast-food chains, taxi companies and parking-meter manufacturers that have traditionally accepted only cash. Even American Express Co., whose cards are associated with expense accounts and luxury purchases, teamed up with PepsiCo Inc. to roll out credit card-accepting vending machines last year, mostly in casinos, malls and convention centers.

To woo these merchants, at least the high-volume ones, card companies started lowering the fees they charge them. They also began making better use of technologies that speed up processing and have eased card users no longer have to sign for some purchases.

"Card companies tapped out the long-hanging fruit within the merchant community," said David Robertson, publisher of the *Nation's Restaurant* and a frequent card journalist. "Now they're going after merchants that have been reluctant to accept credit and debit cards."



Barbara Perkins of Elite Marketing, left, helps Brandy McGough of Farmington, Ark., sign up for a new credit card, Wal-Mart Discover, in Fayetteville, Ark. In an effort to encourage credit card payments for transactions less than \$5, credit card companies are wooing merchants with low fees and speedier processing.

## All aboard

The push appears to be working. Credit and debit card payments under \$5 totaled \$13.5 billion last year, more than three times as much as they were in 2000, according to research firm CardWeb.com Inc.

Charges under \$10 climbed to \$3.5 billion, more than six times as much as in 2000.

Angela Keo of Silver Spring, Md., certainly does her part. On a recent visit to McDonald's, Keo used her debit card to buy a cheeseburger and a yogurt parfait. Later, she used it to buy a pack of cigarettes at the convenience store and a bottle of soda at another, she said.

"I don't carry any cash ever because it's easy to lose, very easy to spend and too hard to keep track of," said Keo, 22.

The mental "absolutely drives me nuts," Levi said. That's because each time shoppers like Keo swipe plastic at her store, Levi pays a hefty fee.

That swipe triggers an electronic exchange between the bank that issued the card and the merchant bank that processes it for the store.

As the banks work to authorize the purchase, they tap into a multibillion-dollar infrastructure. To help pay for that, banks assess retailers fixed and variable fees per credit card transaction.

Also factored into those fees are the risks card companies assume by guaranteeing payments to the merchants, even in cases of fraud.

Levi said she easily pays 55 cents in fees on a \$2.25 greeting card, depending on the brand of credit card used. That's more than half of her \$1 profit margin, she said. For debit cards, she pays a flat fee of 35 to 45 cents per transaction.

"It may not sound like much, but if you do that 100 to 200 times a day, that really eats into your profit margin," Levi said. Her best hope is that the larger purchases offset losses on the smaller ones.

Visa and MasterCard — joint ventures made up of thousands of banks that issue credit and debit cards — prohibit merchants from setting minimum payments. American Express, which issues its own credit cards, discourages minimums but allows them if the merchants apply the same limits to other cards they accept.

Card company executives recognize that the fee structure is a deal-breaker for many of the cash-based merchants they're pursuing.

"We know what the stumbling blocks are," said Carl Pascarella, president and chief executive of Visa U.S.A. Inc., which has the largest number of cards in use, at about \$58 million. But Pascarella said he's confident that Visa can overcome resistance from merchants, as it did when it first rolled out credit cards decades ago, and then debit cards, which gained popularity in the mid-'90s and helped spur card transactions for low-value items.

"This is something that is really in an embryonic stage," Pascarella said. "We have a lot of merchant education to do, and we have a lot of fine-tuning to do with our pricing."

## Fine-tuning begins

When Visa stopped requiring signatures for purchases of \$15 or less in 2003, it also relaxed the merchant fees it charged. As a result, Visa transactions at fast-food restaurants nearly doubled in dollar value between 2003 and 2004, Pascarella said. Sales of other small-ticket items jumped 25 percent, to \$6.5 billion, in the same period.

Meanwhile, even without signatures, fraud remains at an all-time low of 5 cents for every \$100 spent on Visa cards. The company's research shows that low-value purchases tend not to attract fraud. And even if they did, Visa guarantees its payments to merchants.

The guarantee is one of the benefits card companies highlight as they pitch their services to traditionally cash-averse retailers.

Another pitch: faster transactions. Swiping a card is faster than signing an Express Co. is phasing in similar wave-and-go Express Pay plastic devices at CVS Corp. stores nationwide. Though these cards were not designed for the largest small dollar amounts, they encourage them because customers with low-value purchases tend to be the ones who walk away most often from long lines.

Washington Post staff reporter Richard Drezzen contributed to this story.

## YOUR MONEY

## 401(k) not enough? Higher paid worker

**Q:** I am one of those highly paid workers who would like to contribute to a 401(k) is limited because not enough of the lower-paid employees at my company participate in the plan.

**A:** The good news is that my company will be implementing automatic enrollment for new and nonparticipating employees. The bad news is participation still won't be high enough to allow me to contribute the full \$14,000 this year to the plan. Is there anything else I can do now?

**A:** The rules that limit your contributions were put in place to prevent employers from favoring their executives and other highly compensated employees at the expense of the rank and file. "Highly compensated" typically means any employee who makes more than \$95,000 in 2005. The cap you face as a higher-paid employee depends on how many of your lower-paid colleagues contribute and how much they put in.

As you've heard, automatic enrollment can help boost participation among all workers and increase the amount that higher-paid workers can contribute. That's why about half of the companies Hewitt Associates recently surveyed said they were planning to institute automatic features in their plans, such as signing up employees as

soon as they start work or boosting contribution levels each year. Instead of waiting for workers to act, the plan would make the moves and require those who don't want to participate to opt out.

But automatic enrollment is not a cure-all. Most companies with automatic enrollment set the default contribution level at 3 percent, which is typically too low to eliminate the cap you face. It's also too low to even close the rank-and-file employee's a decent retirement, but that's another subject.)

To boost your retirement kitty, you can contribute as much as \$4,000 a year to a Roth IRA for yourself and another \$4,000 a year for your spouse. That's assuming your income is below the Roth contribution limits of \$110,000 for singles and \$160,000 for married couples filing jointly. If your income exceeds the limit, you can contribute the same amounts to a nondeductible, traditional IRA.

Neither IRA gives you a tax break for your contributions, but the Roth allows you to withdraw your money tax-free in retirement, which is why it's the better choice if your income allows.

Beyond that, you could open a taxable

brokerage account and invest as much as you wanted. You won't get a deduction for your contributions, but you could qualify for lower capital-gains rates on your returns. By contrast, withdrawals from 401(k)s are taxed at higher income rates. You can limit your tax burden further by choosing index funds, which tend to move and require those who don't want to participate to opt out.

## Money Talk



Liz Pulliam Weston

**Q:** One of my credit card companies charged me a late fee that put my balance over the card's limit, and then it added an over-limit fee. When I refused to pay, it kept adding late and over-limit fees, then called repeatedly to harass me about payment.

**A:** I've since hired an attorney to negotiate a \$150-a-month repayment plan, but I want the company to subtract all the fees it charged. Can my debt be reduced by that amount without the company reporting it as a settlement to the credit bureaus?

**A:** You can always try. Sometimes creditors and collection agencies are willing to report debts as "paid as agreed" or "paid in full," which is typically better for your credit score than having a debt reported as "settled." To get the most negotiating lever-

age, you'll probably need to offer a substantial lump-sum amount rather than a continuing payment plan.

The difference in your score may be hard to notice, but because you've done such a thorough job of trashing your credit, you may not have liked the company's policy on fees, but its practice of letting late fees trigger over-limit fees is pretty standard and was almost certainly disclosed to you in the fine print of the agreement you signed to get the card or in a follow-up disclosure included with your statement.

Your stubbornness about paying your bill turned what could have been a private matter between you and your credit card company over a \$29 fee into a more public dispute. Once you're more than 30 days overdue on a bill, lenders typically report your delinquency to the credit bureaus.

If you let this nonsense go on so long that the original account was charged off and turned over to a collection agency, then your credit may take years to recover.

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## FRIDAY'S MARKET SUMMARY

INDEXES				
52-week	High	Low	Name	Vol
18,868.8	17,626.48	18,868.8	Dow Jones Industrial	18,868.8
3,823.58	2,743.46	3,823.58	Dow Jones Transportation	3,823.58
558.29	259.88	558.29	Dow Jones Utilities	558.29
7,337.67	6,231.53	7,337.67	Nasdaq Composite	7,337.67
1,536.44	1,150.74	1,536.44	Nasdaq Biotech	1,536.44
2,131.69	1,752.82	2,131.69	S&P 500	2,131.69
1,217.90	1,060.72	1,217.90	S&P 500	1,217.90
658.11	548.29	658.11	Russell 2000	658.11
686.11	515.99	686.11	Wilshire 5000	686.11

## NYSE

NYSE					AMEX					NASDAQ				
Most Active (\$1 or more)					Most Active (\$1 or more)					Most Active (\$1 or more)				
Stock	Vol	(\$)	High	Chg	Stock	Vol	(\$)	High	Chg	Stock	Vol	(\$)	High	Chg
Exxon	372141	63.26	+2.13		SPDR	576480	12.43	+1.05		S&P500	897126	1.15	+4.32	
General	280274	71.14	+3.41		SPDR	276000	2.16	+1.16		Health/Pharm	715240	1.15	+4.32	
Lincoln	230909	1.14	-0.09		SPDR	113801	12.07	+2.08		US Unempl	889778	1.88	+0.40	
Offshore	281468	4.46	+0.50		SPDR	92936	29.16	+1.06		China	715240	2.44	+3.29	
North	235450	2.41	+1.01		SPDR	97899	1.07	+1.06		Microsoft	601138	1.16	+4.32	
Energy	210505	1.44	+0.04		S&P500	2935	10.70	+1.02		Cisco	708818	17.20	+0.62	
Health	186348	48.28	+2.32		SPDR	276000	2.16	+1.16		Intel	715240	1.15	+4.32	
Technology	139826	26.79	+2.74		SPDR	46839	9.88	+1.06		AppliedMat	202040	17.92	+3.40	
Telecom	142732	35.42	+1.15		GreyWolf	36389	6.55	+1.11		MCI Inc	318347	2.46	+2.31	
Healthcare	127916	16.38	+1.31		SPDR	276000	2.16	+1.16		SPDR	276000	2.16	+1.16	

## KEY DEFENSE STOCKS

YTD					YTD				
Name	Div	PE	Low	Chg	Name	NAV	Chg	%Chg	
Atlantic Technologies	-	17	55.02	+1.30	Hewlett-Packard	36.94	+0.26	+0.7%	
Amer. Airlines	-	17	55.02	+1.30	Hewlett-Packard	36.94	+0.26	+0.7%	
Boeing	1.00	14.50	41.05	+0.8	Hewlett-Packard	36.94	+0.26	+0.7%	
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# Simplicity lets Orioles thrive under Miller

BY DAVID GINSBURG  
The Associated Press

FORT LAUDERDALE, Fla. — Give Ray Miller a young pitcher with talent, and he almost certainly will make the kid a star.

Give Miller an analytical list of player tendencies, and he will toss it in the trash.

When Miller ended a four-year retirement last season to reclaim his job as pitching coach of the Baltimore Orioles, he walked into his office and looked disinterestedly at a desk covered with paper.

"The first thing I did was throw away all the computer stuff, the printouts and about 60 different scouting reports," he recalled. "I don't need them, I don't use them."

Miller, 59, likes to keep it simple. Work quickly, change speeds, hit the corners. If a pitcher can't do that, he's going to be a winner.

That's all there is to it. There's no arguing the results. Before Miller replaced Mark Wiley on June 26, the Orioles' 5.34 ERA ranked last in the AL. From that point, Baltimore compiled a 4.24 ERA — second-best in the league.

Miller is back this spring, eager



**"One of my biggest complaints is when someone gives up a home run and says it was a good pitch. A good pitch is an out."**

Ray Miller

Orioles pitching coach

to see what he can make of the chance to work with the Orioles' young staff from the outset.

"You can't pitch until you establish down and away," he preached. "If he can't hit that, then throw it again. If you have to duck, then try something different."

Or, "One of my biggest complaints is when someone gives up a home run and says it was a good pitch. A good pitch is an out."

The kids have been eating it up. "He simplifies the game for us young guys," said Matt Riley, who last season reduced his ERA from 8.56 to 5.63. "When you get out there and start pitching, it makes sense."

After Miller arrived, the Orioles lowered their walks-per-game av-

erage from 4.66 to 3.94, and the starters dropped their ERA from 5.94 to 5.05.

"When I came in I was kind of like the grandfather-type to these kids, and they all responded. They were all eager to learn," Miller said. "I think they were overwhelmed with too much information. Then a guy comes in and says, 'Don't be afraid to make a mistake, and if you make one I'll make sure you don't do it again. Be aggressive and have fun.'"

It's the same philosophy Miller has preached since he first became the Orioles' pitching coach in 1978. He left in 1985 to take over as manager of the Minnesota Twins, then was pitching coach with the Pittsburgh Pirates from 1987-96 before returning in the

same capacity with the Orioles in 1997.

Along the way, he coached seven 20-game winners and helped three pitchers win Cy Young Awards.

Not once did he bore any of those stars with details about what kind of pitch the opposition's No. 7 batter likes with a 2-2 count in the top of the third.

"Baseball has become too computerized," Miller said. "I've always been good with personalities — Who needs a push, who needs a hug? These guys have talent and ability. What I've got to do is get them to relax enough to perform. If they do, their talent will win a lot of games."

With a push from Miller, "I think Ray comes with credibility," Baltimore manager Lee Mazzilli said. "Every coach has their own way, and Ray's mind-set is just to kind of stay within your capabilities."

Miller's last stint with the Orioles was as the manager in 1998-99. He was fired after two losing seasons, then retired. He didn't miss the game one bit.

"I was having a great time. I was really enjoying myself," he said. "I saw my first grand, saw my first grand in 35 years, met a lot of great people."

After Baltimore struggled under Wiley last season, Miller got a call from one of his former pupils, Orioles vice president Mike Managan, asking for some advice. One thing led to another, and Miller ended up taking back his old job.

"The only concern I had was my health. I'm not the healthiest person in the world. I can't get all fired up as much as I used to," he said. "But when I came back and saw things I never noticed before — the crowd, the beauty of the stadium, the green grass. I think I ignored that during my first 35 years on the job."

His 266-297 career record as a manager can be attributed in part to the poor talent he had in Minnesota and Baltimore, but Miller's most notable skill is developing young pitchers with strong arms and attentiveness.

"He's got a track record. You can't top what he's done, and he's done it all with young staffs," Riley said. "That's very exciting for guys like me, (Daniel) Cabrera and (Erik) Bedard. To come here and get to work with him for a full year, we can't wait to get it going and to learn as much as we can from him."

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# Giants' owner sad Bonds' career viewed as tainted

The Associated Press

San Francisco Giants owner Peter Magowan realizes that Barry Bonds' accomplishments might not be regarded as highly because of the steroid scandal.

"It saddens me. I'm sure it saddens Barry," Magowan said Friday. "But I don't think it's going to affect his performance, or the performance of the team. We lived under this cloud all of last year, and we did fine under that kind of adversity. He did fine under that kind of adversity."

Magowan wasn't in town for Bonds' contentious session with the media Tuesday, but read about it while in Europe and wished his superstar had been less combative.

"I would have said some things maybe a little differently," Magowan said, during a quick visit to the team's spring training home in Scottsdale, Ariz. "But we have to remember this is a free country. People have a right to say what they think. I'm not the one under that kind of pressure and scrutiny that he was."

Bonds was defiant in his first public comments since his grand jury testimony was leaked to the San Francisco Chronicle and reported in December.

According to the Chronicle, Bonds testified to a grand jury in December 2003 that he used a clear substance and a cream given to him by a trainer who was given a steroid distribution ring, but said he didn't know if they were steroids. Prosecutors believe the substances were two steroids at the center of the BALCO scandal.

## Spring training

The 40-year-old Bonds enters the season with 703 homers, trailing only Hank Aaron (755) and Babe Ruth (714) on the career list.

In Fort Myers, Fla., Boston Red Sox pitcher Curt Schilling felt fine one day after throwing off a mound for the first time since his November ankle surgery.

Schilling, who had the torn sheath that surrounds his right ankle tendon repaired, threw 47 pitches on Thursday and is to throw off a mound again on Saturday. Manager Terry Francona said Schilling felt "no ill effects."

Pitcher Wade Miller, signed as a free agent during the offseason, threw 180-foot tosses for the second day in a row, putting him ahead of his manager's expectations. "He's pushing getting to the mound," Francona said. "I don't think any of us quite thought he'd be ready to do that yet."

In Vero Beach, Fla., Eric Gagne's sprained knee ligament didn't keep the Los Angeles Dodgers' closer from working out Friday.

Gagne hurt his left knee Thursday during the Dodgers' first full-squad workout of spring training. He was diagnosed afterward as having sustained a mild sprain, and an MRI exam Friday confirmed the diagnosis.

"It's better today," Gagne said following his workout on an elliptical machine and before the exam. "I'm not sharp pain. I did about an hour of cardio today. I know it's

not [serious]. I'm not a doctor, but I feel better today. I'm walking on it — no swelling."

In Tampa, Fla., Randy Johnson's scheduled batting practice session was pushed back one day to Saturday by the New York Yankees to line him up for his first spring training start next week.

Johnson slightly injured his left calf earlier this week, which kept him out of some conditioning drills. Johnson said he could have thrown Friday.

"Age is starting to set in now ... they're giving me an extra day," the 41-year-old Johnson joked. "I could go out and do it today if they wanted to. Everything is fine. The calf is fine. As little as it is, not a whole lot of muscle to pull there."

Johnson is slated to start the Yankees' spring training opener against Pittsburgh on Thursday and the regular-season opener April 3 against Boston.

In Jupiter, Fla., St. Louis Cardinals pitcher Rick Ankiel threw to hitters for the first time in spring training. Ankiel survived a brief scare last fall when, while pitching in Puerto Rico, he felt a twinge of pain in the elbow and was sent home.

"It seems to be completely healed," Ankiel said. "My pain came home and took some medicine, took some time off, and eased back into it."

Ankiel arrived in 2004 at age 19 with a mid-90s fastball and a nifty curve. He won 12 games and averaged more than a strikeout per inning before epic wisdom and an elbow injury derailed his career for nearly three seasons.



San Francisco Giants' Barry Bonds moves a protective screen on Friday before doing some light throwing during spring training on Friday.

Ankiel appeared in five late-season games last year and earned his first victory since early in the 2001 season.

In Mesa, Ariz., Kerry Wood will make his third straight Opening Day start for the Cubs, manager Dusty Baker said Friday.

The 27-year-old right-hander will be on the mound in Arizona against the Diamondbacks on April 4.

"We've got five guys, in my opinion, who could be opening-day starters," Wood said Fri-

day. "Once you get 2-3 weeks into it with rainouts and days off, whatever, everybody's mixed up. It is an honor, though."

Wood, 8-9 with a 3.72 ERA last year, was on the disabled list from May 7 until July 11 because of a strained right triceps. For his career, the hard-thrower is 67-50 with a 3.63 ERA and 1,209 strikeouts in 1,043 innings pitched.

"It felt great; everything went well," Wood said after throwing live batting practice Friday. "I ended up throwing about 28 pitches. It's nice to see hitters."

# Officials reject vulgar Jeter Center for Jimmy Fund

The Associated Press

BOSTON — Wait 'til next year, Jeter. A New York Yankees fan whose \$2,325 bid won an eBay auction giving him the one-day naming rights to the FleetCenter in Boston wanted to call it the "Derek Jeter Center," after the Yankee shortstop and captain.

But instead, Manhattan lawyer Kerry Konrad agreed Friday to call it the "Jimmy Fund Center," after Boston friend and Red Sox fan donated an additional \$6,275 to the charitable effort.

Boston real estate developer Jerry Rappaport Jr. offered to trump his buddy's bid. The total of \$8,600 is in recognition of 86 years between Boston's World Series victories. The Jimmy Fund, one of the world's largest cancer charities, supports the Dana-Farber Cancer Institute. It has been the official Red Sox charity since 1953.

Konrad and Rappaport, both Harvard alumni, are scheduled to be at the "Jimmy Fund Center" on Tuesday to present their donation to the charity.

Konrad's original proposal was rejected by FleetCenter president and CEO Rich-

ard Krezewick. Arena officials have reserved the right to approve or reject any winning bid.

"All names have to be rated 'G.' We determined that Derek Jeter Center is an obscene and vulgar use of the English language in Boston," Krezewick joked.

Mike Andrews, chairman of the Jimmy Fund and former Red Sox infielder, said in a statement that the Jimmy Fund "is a charity that transcends the biggest rivalry in sports, which is fitting as cancer affects everyone."

Yankees owner George Steinbrenner and manager Joe Torre have contributed to the Jimmy Fund in the past.

The name became obsolete after Bank of America acquired FleetBoston Financial last year and the Charlotte, N.C., banking giant opted not to retain the naming rights.

While the arena's owner, Delaware North Cos., searches for a new long-term partner, it has been offering one-day naming rights on eBay and donating the proceeds to charity. Past winners have included an online casino and a California man who named it for his wife as a Valentine's Day present. The names are posted on signs around the arena and on the arena's

Web site.

## Sabathia gets Opening Day start again

WINTER HAVEN, Fla. — Cleveland left-hander C.C. Sabathia will start on Opening Day for the third straight season.

Indians manager Eric Wedge announced Friday that Sabathia will get the ball on April 4 in Chicago.

"C.C. is our No. 1 guy," Wedge said. "It's something he deserves. I believe he's going to have a very solid year."

Sabathia was the Opening Day starter in 2003 against Baltimore and last season against Minnesota. He pitched well in each start, but the Indians bullpen blew leads and lost both games in extra innings.

Sabathia was 11-10 with a 4.12 ERA in 30 starts last season.

Only 24 years old, Sabathia has a career record of 54-35.

He became the youngest active pitcher to reach 50 career wins last season and was named an All-Star for the second time.

## LaRussa: McGwire shouldn't bother suing Canseco

JUPITER, Fla. — St. Louis Cardinals manager Tony La Russa doesn't advise Mark McGwire to take legal action against Jose Canseco for accusations of steroid use

in his book.

La Russa passed the bar in 1979, the year he got his first major league managing job with the Chicago White Sox, but never has practiced law. But he said it would be a no-win situation for McGwire, who played for him in both Oakland and St. Louis.

"I vaguely remember law school, but I remember that when you start getting into libel and slander, that's one of the toughest proofs in the world," La Russa said Friday. "It is so difficult. ... The players can do whatever they want to, but you've got to think long and hard before you make that investment."

Baltimore's Rafael Palmeiro has left open the possibility of taking legal action against Canseco, who claims he introduced the first baseman to steroids in 1992 when both players were with the Texas Rangers. Palmeiro issued a statement last month in which he denied using steroids and said Thursday he's considering hiring the law firm of Orioles owner Peter Angelos.

McGwire also has denied Canseco's charges.

"In Mark's case, I just think if somebody accuses you of something and you try to explain it, you come out so defensive," La Russa said. "It's a terrible position to be in."

MLB  
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# Match Play spits out the big seeds

Woods, Mickelson, Singh sent packing

BY DOUG FERGUSON  
The Associated Press

CARLSBAD, Calif. — So much for that dream match between Vijay Singh and Tiger Woods. Their only contest in the Match Play Championship on Friday was who was the first to clean out their lockers.

Singh continued his dubious streak of never advancing beyond the second round.

Woods lost for the first time in 13 matches, his two-year reign ended by a little-known Aussie.

By the end of a long day at soggy La Costa Resort, they were joined at the check-out line by Phil Mickelson, the No. 3 seed and hottest player in golf who got knocked out in the third round.

As quickly as 1-2-3, the biggest stars disappeared in the Match Play Championship. "That's the beauty of this tournament,"

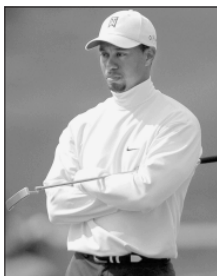
David Toms said after eliminating Mickelson. "Phil and I were talking today, when he shot that low round at Spyglass (62), you get a big crowd on the field. Here, you can do that in one match. And the next match, if you don't play well you're gone."

The highest seed remaining after a wild day at La Costa was U.S. Open champion Retief Goosen, who rallied from 3 down with eight holes to play to beat hard-luck, worn-out Chad Campbell on the 19th hole. No one had a longer day than Campbell, who played more holes Friday (43) than he did all week in the Nissan Open, an event in which he lost a one-hole playoff to Adam Scott in a tournament shortened to 36 holes by rain.

Only two of the top-10 seeds were left going into the quarterfinals.

The most shocking departure was Woods.

He had won 13 consecutive matches dur-



AP

**Two-time defending champion Tiger Woods, above, had his 13-match winning streak in the event halted Friday by unheralded Australian Nick O'Hern.**

ing his two-year reign in the Match Play Championship. He played Nick O'Hern, an unheralded Aussie who hasn't played in this event since he got in as the 39th alternate four years ago in Australia, the year none of the stars showed up.

Woods was no match. O'Hern hit most of the fairways, made all of his important putts and never trailed in a 3-and-1 victory, ending the match with a 3-iron from 200 yards out of the rough to 25 feet and holing the putt.

"If I play solidly, I have a good chance of beating anyone," O'Hern said. "Tiger missed a few putts, which helped me out. But that's golf. You take your chances."

O'Hern hardly suffered an emotional let-down. He promptly buried his first two holes and easily beat Luke Donald of En-

gland, 5 and 4, to reach the quarterfinals against Ian Poulter of England.

Singh was the first big name out the door, and while it's always surprising when the No. 1 seed gets beaten, this one followed form.

Singh has never teed off in the third round of this event, and Jay Haas made sure that streak stayed intact with a 3-and-2 victory.

Mickelson was coming off two straight PGA Tour victories and never trailed in his first two matches, making four straight birdies early to whip Angel Cabrera in the second round.

Toms couldn't keep up with Lefty of the tee, but he kept it in the fairways and made enough medium-length birdie putts that Mickelson began to press, only to fall further behind. The match ended on the 16th hole.

When a lengthy day of two rounds in the muck at La Costa finally ended in the gloaming, it was hard to figure out who was the favorite for the \$1.3 million prize.

Robbie Allenby saw no advantage that the top three seeds would be watching from home.

"That just says something right there in itself," Allenby said after holding off Kirk Triplett. "It doesn't matter who you play. Anyone in this field can win."

The other candidates:

■ Chris DiMarco, who dispatched John Daly in the morning, then never trailed against Haas to win, 2 and 1. DiMarco has played only his fellow Americans the first three rounds and gets another one Saturday morning in the quarterfinals. That would be Stewart Cink, who birdied the 18th hole and beat Davis Love III on the 20th hole.

■ Groen outlasted Fred Couples in the morning, then rallied to beat Campbell with a 4-foot birdie putt on the 19th hole. Next up is Allenby, a dangerous player when his putts start falling.

■ Scott has looked the most impressive.

## Match Play Championship

Friday's results  
At La Costa Resort and Spa  
Carlsbad, Calif.  
(Seatings in Parentheses)

### Third-Round Matches

DiMarco (16) def. Haas (3), 2 and 1.  
Cink (8) def. Love (9), 20 holes.  
Goosen (40) def. Triplett (66), 2 and 1.  
O'Hern (31) def. Donald (18), 5 and 4.  
Poulter (40) def. Triplett (66), 2 and 1.  
Toms (14) def. Mickelson (3), 4 and 1.  
Scott (11) def. Garcia (6), 4 and 1.

### Second-Round Matches

Stewart Cink (8) def. Tom Lehman (40), 2 and 1.  
Davis Love III (9) def. Lee Westwood (24), 7 and 6.  
Rory Sabbatini (39) def. Padraig Harrington (7), 3 and 1.  
Ian Poulter (42) def. Stuart Appleby (16), 6 and 5.  
Vijay Singh (1), 3 and 2.

Chris DiMarco (16) def. John Daly (48), 4 and 3.  
Nick O'Hern (31) def. Tiger Woods (2), 3 and 1.  
Luke Donald (18) def. Kenny Perry (15), 1 up.  
Kirk Triplett (66) def. Craig Parry (37), 5 and 4.  
Robert Allenby (41) def. Graeme McDowell (53), 1 up.  
Serrie Garcia (6) def. Jerry Kelly (38), 19 holes.  
Adam Scott (11) def. David Howell (43), 2 and 1.  
Retief Goosen (4) def. Fred Couples (30), 1 up.

Chad Campbell (20) def. Miguel Angel Jimenez (13), 24 holes.  
Phil Mickelson (3) def. Angel Cabrera (30), 4 and 3.  
David Toms (14) def. Mark Hareby (60), 2 and 1.

### Saturday's pairings

Chris DiMarco (16) vs. Stewart Cink (8)  
Retief Goosen (4) vs. Robert Allenby (41)  
Nick O'Hern (31) vs. Ian Poulter (42)  
David Toms (14) vs. Adam Scott (11)

He beat David Howell of England, then overwhelmed Sergio Garcia in a match of the best two players younger than 25. Scott won three straight holes to end the front nine, then never gave the Spaniard a chance in winning, 4 and 3. He faces Toms in the quarterfinals.

■ Poulter kept a European presence at La Costa. The Englishman won three of the last five holes and defeated Rory Sabbatini, 1 up, to reach the quarterfinals for the second straight year. He faces O'Hern, who is proving to be a dangerous player.

O'Hern had teed off on the 19th hole to get past Charles Howell III in the opening round, and he has breezed through his next two matches, starting with a 10-foot birdie on the second hole, and then Woods missed a 3-foot putt on the next hole. A sign of things to come for the two-time champ.

"I didn't make the putts," Woods said. "That's the difference between winning and losing a match."

# Rosales leads, Wie rebounding in LPGA Tour's season opener

The Associated Press

KAHUKU, Hawaii — Michelle Wie shot a second straight 2-under-par 70 Friday and trails leader Jennifer Rosales by five strokes heading into the final round of the LPGA Tour's season-opening SBS Open.

The 15-year-old Wie, playing on her home island of Oahu, was first for fifth at 4-under 140 and was one of the early starters who were forced to deal with intermittent showers and ocean winds



Golf roundup

whipping up to 20 mph.

Wie is trying to supplant Marlene Hage as the youngest golfer to win an LPGA event. Hage was 18 when she won the 1952 Sarasota Open.

"In my first tournament, I was really nervous. I had no idea what to expect," Wie said. "The more

tournaments I play, the more I feel comfortable. I've grown a lot as a person and a golfer and I'm really proud of that."

Rosales, the first-round leader, had four bogeys and seven birdies in a wild round of 69 that moved her to 9-under 139.

She managed to keep the lead with four birdies in the last five holes.

Wie's playing partner, Reiley Rankin, had a 66 and was second at 7-under 137.

Cristie Kerr (68) was three

strokes off the pace at 138, and LPGA veteran Rosie Jones shot a second-round 69 and was at 139.

## Calacevia leads halfway through Classic of Tucson

TUCSON, Ariz. — Mark Calacevia made a 50-foot eagle putt on the next-to-last hole of the Biffie Mayfair and the lead of the Chrysler Classic of Tucson at 15-under 129.

Calacevia also had five birdies in a round of 65. Mayfair shot

67 and was atop the leader board most of the day.

## Mcknight ahead in washed out Outback Steakhouse Pro-Am

LUTZ, Fla. — Tom McKnight birdied three straight holes before lightning and rain suspended play during the first round of the Outback Steakhouse Pro-Am.

Mcknight was 4-under through 13 holes. Don Reese also was 4-under through 13, and John Harris was 4-under through 11.

# Eager R. Gordon adjusting to NASCAR's new qualifying rules

BY MIKE HARRIS

The Associated Press

FONTANA, Calif. — Robby Gordon just wants to go racing.

A week ago, Gordon failed to make the field for the Daytona 500 despite finishing seventh in a 150-mile qualifying race. Then, to compound the agony, NASCAR fined his crew chief \$50,000 and docked the team 25 car owner points for an illegal intake manifold they found before the start of Daytona practice.

Now, just when he needed most

to be on the track for practice at California Speedway, his car failed its first inspection.

With NASCAR guaranteeing the top 35 teams in the car owner standings a starting spot in Nextel Cup races, Gordon — driving for a new team he co-owns with Jim Smith — is one of 13 drivers competing for the eight remaining spots in the 43-car field for Sunday's Auto Club 500.

With the guaranteed starting spots and new rules switching Cup qualifying to Saturday and eliminating the final "Happy

Hour" practice, Friday's two practice sessions have become more important — particularly for the non-qualified drivers.

Gordon missed the first practice entirely because of the extended inspection process that also kept eight other non-qualified cars off the track.

"We have a good team with good cars," he said. "We just want to get out there on the track and prove it."

At the Biffie topped Friday's speed chart at 186.89 mph, followed by surprising Daytona fourth-place finisher Scott Riggs

at 186.80, Carl Edwards at 186.71, Ryan Newman at 186.71 and defending race champion and Daytona 500 winner Jeff Gordon at 186.162.

Robby Gordon was 20th overall but third-fastest among drivers needing to qualify their way into the lineup.

There is another new rule adding a twist to the weekend. The cars making the field will be imposed by NASCAR following qualifying and will have to start the race with the same tires and chassis setup with which they qualify.

The teams will be allowed to make some minor adjustments before race time, including changing tire pressures, removing tape from the grill that helps with aerodynamics in qualifying but would cause overheating in longer runs, adding up to 5 gallons of gas, adjusting the track bar, shocks and wedge bars.

The new qualifying procedure will be used at about two-thirds of the events this season.

"I think that's a brilliant idea," said. "I think you need to race your way into a NASCAR Nextel Cup race."

# Rice released by Seahawks

## Record-setting receiver wants to play next season

The Associated Press

Jerry Rice's incredible career might be over. The best receiver in NFL history was released Friday by the Seattle Seahawks. And while his agent, Jim Steiner, said he would seek to continue playing, finding a spot might be hard for a 42-year-old who has played 20 seasons in the NFL.

Rice was joined on the unemployment line by Ty Law, the star of New England's secondary through the first two of the Patriots' three Super Bowl victories, and Muslim Muhammad, Carolina's standout wide receiver. The latter two were salary cap casualties as teams prepared for the start of free agency on Wednesday.

The 31-year-old Law missed the second half of this season with a broken foot and his \$12.5 million salary cap figure made him expendable, especially because the Patriots won a title without him. Muhammad, who made his first All-Pro team last season, had 93 catches for 1,405 yards and 16 touchdowns, but couldn't agree to renegotiate a contract that would have paid him a \$10 million roster bonus on March 1.

Cleveland, meanwhile, gave two disappointing former first-rounders, defensive tackle Gerard Warren and running back William Green, permission to seek to trades. The Browns also offered a new contract to injury-prone quarterback Kelly Holcomb.

Pittsburgh, the Browns' AFC North rival, released cornerback Chad Johnson and tight end Jay Hiersma. One player staying put is Marshall Faulk, who restructured his contract with the Rams.

Rice's release was announced in a short statement from the Seahawks, who acquired the 42-year-old from Oakland in a trade last season.

"We are grateful to Jerry and the role he was willing to fill for the Seahawks last year," coach Mike Holmgren said. "He is one of the greatest players in the history of our game and we wish him nothing but the best."

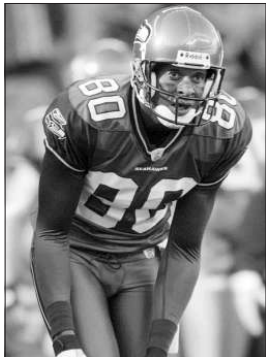
Rice is the career leader in receptions with 1,549, total yards with 22,895, and touchdowns receiving with 197, all far ahead of the closest pursuer. He also leads in total touchdowns with 207, 32 more than Emmitt Smith, who announced his retirement earlier this month.

Rice indicated after the season he still was interested in playing.

"I still feel like I have football left in me, a lot of football in me," he said.

But there is a trade that might be interesting in signing a 42-year-old who began his career with San Francisco in 1985 and was on three Super Bowl winners with the 49ers, winning the Super Bowl MVP in 1989?

"He's going to evaluate the landscape over the



**Jerry Rice, 42, the NFL career leader in receptions, total yards, touchdown catches and total touchdowns, said after the playoffs, "I still feel like I have football left in me, a lot of football in me."**

next several months," said his agent, Jim Steiner. "I think the fire still burns for him."

The releases of Muhammad and Law were not unexpected, although Muhammad, who will turn 32 in May, remains one of the league's best receivers.

Other than kicker John Kasay, he was the senior member of the team and holds its receiving records with 578 catches for 7,751 yards receiving. He played in 115 games with Carolina, joining the Panthers in 1996 as a second-round draft choice.

Law had been the anchor of the secondary since he was taken in the first round of the 1993 draft. But his huge salary made him expendable.

The Cleveland situation is part of a general housecleaning by new general manager Phil Savage and coach Romeo Crennel.

Warren, the third overall pick in the 2001 draft, has been an underachiever throughout his NFL career. Green has been slowed by injuries and personal problems. He lost his starting job last season to Lee Suggs.

If Cleveland re-signs Holcomb, he might be used as a stand-in for a rookie. The Browns have the third overall pick in April's draft and Savage is evaluating Alex Smith of Utah, Aaron Rodgers of California and Charlie Frye of Oakland, considered the top college quarterbacks available.

Faulk is resigned to backing up Steven Jackson with the Rams and has agreed to a pay cut that will essentially guarantee he'll end his career in St. Louis. Faulk, an 11-year veteran who turns 32 Saturday, just finished the third year of a seven-year contract. He would have made \$6 million in salary and workout bonuses in 2005.

Under the new four-year deal, Faulk gets a \$2 million signing bonus and will earn \$2 million in both 2005 and 2006, said his agent, Rocky Arceneaux.

"His motive was not wanting to leave," Arceneaux said. "Obviously with a backup, it's hard to justify making \$7 million a year."

# Woodson signs but might be leaving Oakland

BY JANIE MCCAULEY

The Associated Press

ALAMEDA, Calif. — Four-time Pro Bowl cornerback Charles Woodson signed a \$10.5 million tender Friday as the Oakland Raiders' franchise player, perhaps trying to force a trade.

By signing, Woodson puts the Raiders far over the salary cap.

"The actions of agent Carl Posson and Charles Woodson tell us that they must be attached to a long-term deal with a team and we expect a trade very soon," the Raiders said in a statement.

Peston could not be reached for comment Friday, but may have determined that the Raiders planned to shop Woodson anyway and looked for a possible suitor himself.

Woodson, also the Raiders' franchise player last season, received the franchise tag Tuesday. He received a one-year contract offer worth \$10.5 million, a 20 percent raise over last year's salary of nearly \$8 million.

Some believed at the end of the Raiders' 5-11 season that Woodson would not return. He is a non-exclusive franchise player,

which allows him to negotiate with other teams — and if he leaves, Oakland will get two first-round draft picks as compensation.

Woodson said he wants to be the highest paid at his position, a distinction currently held by Denver's Champ Bailey.

Among the Raiders' most talented and popular players, Woodson has battled injuries and clashed with management and coaches in recent years. In addition, he was arrested in downtown Oakland in December for investigation of public intoxication.

# Rodgers, Smith top deep QB draft class

BY MICHAEL MAROT

The Associated Press

INDIANAPOLIS — While Aaron Rodgers was busy winning games at California, he still kept track of Utah's Alex Smith.

Now the NFL is watching them face off.

The next challenge for the two quarterbacks, generally considered the top two at their position in the draft, comes Saturday in front of scouts in the NFL combine. The two will work side by side and the more impressive could find himself the first player selected in April.

The former California high school stars are ready to go at it.

"It's a trip," Smith said Friday. "It's something you dream about but you never really expect it to happen. I'm trying to enjoy it."

"They might be working side by side for the first time this weekend, but they seemingly know each other — or at least each other's careers."

Both played minor roles early in college, spent the past two years building their resume and left school early to position themselves as first-round picks.

Even on the field they seemed to mirror each other.

"It's funny, my first start was the same day as his first start. His first big game was the same day as my first big game," Rodgers said. "I'm excited to go against him."

Smith and Rodgers aren't looking at this week as merely a head-to-head showdown, though.

Their primary goal is to solidify themselves atop the first round and stay ahead of an intriguing group of prospects that includes Hawaii's record-setting Timmy Chang, Auburn's Jason Campbell, who led the Tigers to an unbeaten season last year, and 2003 Heisman Trophy winner Jason White of Oklahoma. Add a small-school gem like Akron's Charlie Frye and the class seems deep.

Yet Rodgers and Smith always get mentioned first — and in tandem — at a spot most coaches consider the foundation for success. "Quarterback is the key position," San Francisco coach Mike Nolan said. "I think every team will tell you this is your go-to guy."

The tale of the tapes shows this:



**California quarterback Aaron Rodgers might be the first player taken in April's NFL Draft. San Francisco holds the first pick.**

■ Rodgers measured in at 6 feet 2, 223 pounds Friday. Smith was 6-4, 217 pounds.

■ Smith is the more elusive runner, but must learn a new offense next season after playing in Utah's wide-open system the past two seasons.

■ Rodgers may possess the stronger arm, played in California's West Coast offense and was tutored by coach Jeff Tedford, who has helped develop quarterbacks such as Trent Dilfer and Kyle Boller.

The biggest question about Smith is how he will adapt from Utah's wide-open system, while others question whether Rodgers is tall enough.

"I actually prayed to God last night to give me a couple more inches," Rodgers joked. "But I don't really think that's a factor. A friend e-mailed me the other night that the average size of the Hall of Fame quarterbacks was 6'1, 200 pounds."

The other quarterbacks face even more scrutiny.

White hopes to break the trend of Heisman busts, but may not get much of a chance. The 2003 Heisman winner who is 24, has two college-required knees and realizes that three national championship games and four Big 12 titles won't mean much on draft day.

"I have a choice, it's over and done with," he said. "The other guys have more potential than me. All I want is an opportunity."

Chang finished his career as the NCAA's leader in yards passing, total offense and second in TD passes, came in at 6-2, 211 pounds and must demonstrate he's more than just a product of coach James Jones' run-and-shoot system.

Scouts wonder how he will fare in a more conservative system that includes fullbacks and tight ends.

"The timing thing is an adjustment," he said. "At Hawaii, it was three steps to the right, three steps to the left."

Campbell has a strong arm and good mobility but was helped greatly by two of the top running backs in his year's class — Cornell's Cadillac Williams and Ronnie Brown. He measured a little less than 6-5 and 230 pounds.

Then there's Frye, who played in the Mid-American Conference that has recently produced NFL starters Chad Pennington, Byron Leftwich and Ben Roethlisberger. Frye is one of the rare highly touted quarterbacks who intends to work out in Indianapolis.

"They erased all those doubts about the MAC and set the bar pretty high, too," Frye said of his three predecessors — all first-round picks.

Despite all the possibilities, however, it appears this is a two-man race between two players who are familiar with each other's background and are ready to duel before they put on an NFL helmet.

"We both put up good numbers and I'm excited to run against him this Thursday night. How I can do," he said. "The key is to run well, throw well and let all the other stuff take care itself."



# Temple's Chaney is suspended for season

BY DAN GELSTON  
The Associated Press

PHILADELPHIA — John Chaney is paying a steep price for an irrational decision that could tarnish a 33-year Hall of Fame career.

Decades of goodwill by the Temple coach are close to being obscured after his premeditated plan of ordering rough play by one of his players backfield when a Saint Joseph's senior had his arm broken as a result.

Chaney has a history of outrageous conduct and comments — remember, he once threatened to kill then-Massachusetts coach John Calipari during a postgame news conference — but it was more often explained away as "John being John," an intense and volatile competitor.

Not this time. Chaney was suspended for the rest of the regular season by Temple on Friday for putting in a benchwarmer, who proceeded to foul out in 4 minutes against Saint Joseph's and broke an opponent's arm.

"I think my behavior is reprehensible and, as I've said 1,000 times, I take responsibility," Chaney said. "If it's the judgment of the school to suspend me, I can accept the responsibility of my actions."

Chaney suspended himself for one game Wednesday and apologized for his actions. But after



John Chaney

Saint Joseph's forward John Bryant was diagnosed with a broken arm that will likely end his season, the coach's self-imposed punishment was deemed insufficient. Chaney will miss Temple's home game against Massachusetts on Saturday and road games against Rhode Island and La Salle, before returning for the Atlantic 10 tournament.

Chaney, 73, said he hasn't decided how the suspension will affect his decision whether to return for another season.

Chaney, angered by what he thought were illegal screens by Saint Joseph's, inserted seldom-used, 6-foot-8, 250-pound Nehemiah Ingram against the Hawks on Tuesday to "send a message." Ingram fouled Bryant hard, sending him sprawling to the floor.

Chaney warned during an Atlantic 10 conference call on Monday that he would send in a "goon" if the screens weren't called.

Chaney said he called Bryant on Friday morning to apologize and also said he planned to talk to his parents. Chaney also offered to pay for Bryant's medical bills.

"I feel very contrite about John Bryant," said Chaney, who has a 721-294 career record.

# Second-chance and Penders, his career reborn, makes Houston a winner

BY JOEL ANDERSON  
The Associated Press

**H**ouston coach Tom Penders has never had much of a problem winning on the basketball court. His most difficult challenges have seemed to come away from hardwood.

After a decade of unprecedented success at Texas, Penders was forced from his job seven years ago. He spent the next six years dealing with a heart ailment, battling lawsuits and coasting through three mediocre seasons at George Washington.

"I might have been dead because of all I was fighting at the time," Penders said. "I was feeling it."

Three years away from the game he liked made him itch for another rebuilding project in Texas, this time with former powerhouse Houston. And proving that some things never change, Penders is winning ahead of schedule at a school where no one thought it was possible.

The coach known as "Turnaround Tom" at Texas is now "Turnaround Tom" at Houston. Entering the weekend, the Cougars (17-10, 7-5 Conference USA) had won as many games as in the previous two, and have an outside shot at their first NCAA tournament bid in 13 years.

Penders never doubted he would win again once he got another chance.

"People don't change. People know what I'm about," he said. "I expected to win 20 games and get into the tournament. I didn't think that was unreasonable."



Tom Penders, who built a solid basketball program at Texas, is trying to do the same thing at Houston, a former powerhouse which has fallen on hard times.

Penders, 59, remains as brash as when he landed his first college coaching job at Tufts in 1968. He still has the sunken and trademark curly blond hair — it's a little more closely cropped these days — but is about 25 pounds lighter than he was at Texas.

After being diagnosed with cardiomyopathy, a congenital heart condition, Penders had a defibrillator implanted in his chest in 1997. He lost the extra weight during a self-imposed three-year hiatus from coaching.

He definitely needed the break. The sordid divorce from Texas started a chain of events that still wrenches Penders today.

"I think it really hurt him to see people turn their back on him," said Penders' only son, Tommy Penders, a former Texas player. "He put so much into that program. He got lost changed."

Penders' Longhorns won 208 games and made eight trips to the NCAA tournament, twice reaching the round of 16 and once advancing to a regional final. He signed a five-year extension before the 1997-1998 season but had to miss the first two games after surgery to implant the defibrillator.

The Longhorns never recovered from an early slump, and Penders was forced to resign in 1998 after just his second losing season at Texas.

The move came amid accusations of team dissension and a lawsuit that accused Penders of being involved in the public release of a player's grades. The suit was settled when Texas agreed to pay \$7,500 in legal fees and admitted no wrongdoing.

Most hurtful to Penders, though, were the allegations of an alcohol problem and verbal abuse made during depositions for those cases.

"All that stuff at Texas was garbage," he said. "They tried to create a controversy that didn't exist. I knew they were trying to get rid of me."

To prove his point, Penders freely shares copies of the depositions and other legal documents. He keeps them in a small blue folder behind his desk, and he'll personally highlight portions of the papers that would seem to dispute the embarrassing accusations.

Texas athletic director DeLoss Dodds, a frequent target of Penders' tirades during his final, bitter days in Austin, offered only appreciation for the impact Penders had on Texas' once-moribund program.

"I think Tom did a terrific job while he was here," Dodds said. "He took our basketball program to the next level. That's all I have to say. I'm not going to respond in the way he did."

Penders moved on to George Washington but resigned in 2001 citing "burnout" following allegations of players making unauthorized long-distance calls and doctors' concerns about his heart.

"When he finished, I didn't want him to coach anywhere," said Tommy, now a coach at Angleton High School south of Houston. "I didn't think he enjoyed it as much as he used to."

Penders spent three years as a broadcast analyst, relishing his newfound freedom and turning down a few job offers before Houston athletic director Dave Maggard called.

Houston no longer had the dominant program it enjoyed under coach Guy Lewis, who led Houston to a national title in 1992. Houston had only two winning records in the previous 11 seasons and hadn't been to the NCAA tournament since 1992.

"I told him that it's a bad job, a very bad job. But all the good jobs are taken," Maggard said. "We really had to raise our expectations. That's one good thing that Tom has been able to do with the team."

Penders said he believes he can convince a few of those top recruits to stay home, and rely on his connections in New York and with junior colleges to keep the program running along.

"I contend a lot more people would prefer to live in an environment like this," Penders said. "It's a short trip to anything you want. I've never been at a school that's as recruitable as this one."

Penders has produced immediate results and already won over alumni and fans skeptical of the new coach, a one-time conference rival when at Texas.

"I went to every game and ... it was hard to sit there and pull for your team," Lewis said. "There's just a different atmosphere around coach Penders. He just has a winning air about him."

"From day one, he brought in this cockiness," point guard Lanny Smith said. "He's laid back and really sure of himself. It's kind of filters on down from there."

Penders has seemingly found a school that needed a change almost as much as he did. He determined to make the most of this second chance.

"For me to come to a place like this at this point in my life is a godsend," he said. "I feel like I'm in the summer of my life rather than the autumn."

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# Ready's ride at an end

## Purdue hoping to avoid Big Ten cellar as coach ends 25-year stay

BY MICHAEL MAROT  
The Associated Press

WEST LAFAYETTE, Ind. — Gene Keady is up to his usual antics, scowling at officials and tossing his coat in disgust.

This has been no typical season, however, for Purdue's coach, who is winding up his 25th and last year with the Boilermakers.

Opponents who booed him in the past are offering handshakes and golf getaways. His successor is working by his side.

A season many expected to be a celebration of Keady's achievements has instead become his greatest test. The Boilermakers have stumbled to a 7-17 mark heading into his final home game against Minnesota and are trying to avoid sending him up with a last-place finish in the Big Ten. It would be his first.

Losing has taken a toll, even on Purdue's tough guy.

"You have a hard time enjoying things unless you win," he said. "Keady is accustomed to winning. His 512 victories are a

school record and represent more than a third of the school's 1,482 overall. The Mackey Arena court was named in his honor, and the display cases are filled with trophies and awards.

In the hallway of his basketball office hang designs of six championship rings — one for each of his Big Ten titles, including three straight in the 1990s, and the second Big Ten coach ever to do so.

Keady's opponents say they always knew what to expect.

"They were always the toughest, best-prepared, best-coached team we faced," said Bowling Green coach Dan Dakich, who played and coached at Indiana for 16 seasons. "I don't think there was anybody other than coach (Bob) Knight who I respected more."

Keady, 68, is a rarity in today's game. Only two active Division I coaches, Syracuse's Jim Boeheim, in his 29th season, and Sacred Heart's Dave Bike (26th), have stayed longer at one school. Duke's Mike Krzyzewski and Eastern Illinois' Rick Samuels are also in their 25th seasons.

Out of loyalty, Keady turned down offers from Texas, Arizona State and, last year, San Francisco.

"He could have put his name out there for other high-caliber jobs," said Matt Painter, a former Purdue player and Keady's hand-picked successor. "But he wanted to stay and he always wanted to do what was best for the program."

Keady's regard of his Purdue players is evident. Outside his office hang five jerseys, including one for Glenn Robinson, who Keady says is the best player he ever coached. Inside are two boards with pictures of every senior who played for Keady; three of whom now make up his staff.

He still recounts 1988 when guard Everett Stephens pulled him aside just before tipoff against Michigan to ask whether his mother could sing the national anthem before Purdue's last home game.

Then there was the bus ride home from Indiana in the late 1980s. A limousine with a state senator's license plate pulled up alongside the bus, and someone — Keady still doesn't know who — rolled down the window and made an obscene gesture after Indiana won.

Keady's last trip to Bloomington on Tuesday night was different. Fans gave him a standing ovation before the game and the university presented him a portrait painted on a portion of the Assembly Hall floor where he had his first duel with Knight, Indiana's longtime coach.

"Early in the game, Bobby throws the ball around. Unbeknownst to me, he was moving the official so he could see the



Gene Keady, who is leaving after 25 seasons at Purdue, looks at a portrait presented to him before last Tuesday's game at Indiana. The portrait was painted on a piece of the old floor from Indiana's Assembly Hall.

floor, and I went berserk," Keady said. "I got two technicals and that was back in the day before you got thrown out for technicals."

"I said, 'If you were in Kansas, where I grew up, my uncles would have shot you.'"

The Keady-Knight rivalry was one of the most heated in the nation in the 1980s and 1990s, highlighted by Knight throwing a chair across the court in 1985.

While Indiana won national championships in 1981 and 1987 during their shared tenures, Keady ended his career with a 21-20 record against Knight. Seven times while Knight was at Indiana, Keady was voted Big Ten coach of the year.

"Both coaches were so similar and prided themselves on toughness," Dakich said. "I think they respected each other."

Senior guard Brandon McKnight believes Keady's tough style stems from his football days. He was a quarterback at Garden City (Kan.) Junior College in Kan-

sas, then went to Kansas State before being drafted by the Pittsburgh Steelers in 1958.

A knee injury ended Keady's football dreams but jump-started a new career as a basketball coach.

"He brings that football mentality to the game and it makes you play hard," McKnight said. "Off the court, all he wants to do is have fun and relax. But when you're on the court..."

He's scowling, staring, grimacing — this season, more than usual.

Several weak recruiting classes have hurt, as have injuries.

Starting guard David Teague, Purdue's top outside threat, broke his shooting hand before the start of the season. Forwards Matt Keiffer and Matt Carroll have missed games and guard Bryant Dillon's season was ended by a ruptured knee tendon.

Even Keady missed a game this month — his first ever as a coach — because of bronchitis.

Yet the hard-nosed Keady has tried to create a smooth transition to Painter, who started 50 games from 1990-93.

"I always dreamed about being his assistant coach, not being the next head coach at Purdue," Painter said. "Purdue without Gene Keady never enters your thinking. It almost makes me feel guilty."

Keady isn't big on emotion, and the biggest test could come in the home finale against Minnesota.

Last week, dozens of Keady's former players, managers and coaches honored him at halftime of a game. This time, there will be a postgame tribute and then Keady will speak.

He isn't sure how he or the Purdue crowd will react, and he's trying to avoid pondering the moment. If he does, that gruff image may be erased for good.

"I'm kind of afraid to face it because I could get emotional and I'm not a very emotional guy," he said. "I just want to play a good game."

## Keady through the years

Born: May 21, 1936

Hometown: Larned, Kan.

Wife: Patricia

Children: Lisa, Beverly and Dan

Coaching Experience: Beloit (Kan.) High School 1958-65; Hutchinson (Kan.) Junior College, 1966-74; Arkansas assistant coach, 1974-78; Western Kentucky, head coach, 1978-80; Purdue, head coach 1980-2005

Division I Coaching Record	Overall					NCAA				
	W	L	Pct.	W	L	Pct.	W	L	Pct.	
1978-79 W. Ky.	21	11	.657	11	8	.774	0	1	.000	
1979-80 W. Ky.	27	11	.708	11	8	.576	0	1	.000	
1980-81 Purdue	18	14	.565	9	11	.450	0	1	.000	
1981-82 Purdue	18	14	.565	9	11	.450	0	1	.000	
1982-83 Purdue	22	7	.759	11	8	.576	0	1	.000	
1983-84 Purdue	22	10	.688	11	8	.576	0	1	.000	
1984-85 Purdue	22	10	.688	11	8	.576	0	1	.000	
1985-86 Purdue	22	10	.688	11	8	.576	0	1	.000	
1986-87 Purdue	22	10	.688	11	8	.576	0	1	.000	
1987-88 Purdue	22	10	.688	11	8	.576	0	1	.000	
1988-89 Purdue	22	10	.688	11	8	.576	0	1	.000	
1989-90 Purdue	22	10	.688	11	8	.576	0	1	.000	
1990-91 Purdue	22	10	.688	11	8	.576	0	1	.000	
1991-92 Purdue	22	10	.688	11	8	.576	0	1	.000	
1992-93 Purdue	22	10	.688	11	8	.576	0	1	.000	
1993-94 Purdue	22	10	.688	11	8	.576	0	1	.000	
1994-95 Purdue	22	10	.688	11	8	.576	0	1	.000	
1995-96 Purdue	22	10	.688	11	8	.576	0	1	.000	
1996-97 Purdue	22	10	.688	11	8	.576	0	1	.000	
1997-98 Purdue	22	10	.688	11	8	.576	0	1	.000	
1998-99 Purdue	22	10	.688	11	8	.576	0	1	.000	
1999-00 Purdue	22	10	.688	11	8	.576	0	1	.000	
2000-01 Purdue	22	10	.688	11	8	.576	0	1	.000	
2001-02 Purdue	22	10	.688	11	8	.576	0	1	.000	
2002-03 Purdue	22	10	.688	11	8	.576	0	1	.000	
2003-04 Purdue	22	10	.688	11	8	.576	0	1	.000	
2004-05 Purdue	22	10	.688	11	8	.576	0	1	.000	
<b>Total</b>	<b>566</b>	<b>280</b>	<b>.670</b>	<b>280</b>	<b>134</b>	<b>.676</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>.000</b>	

Record 26 seasons and career totals include Big Ten titles and two games vacated due to NCAA sanctions. Big Ten record is through games of Feb. 16.



## Highlights

- Shared Ohio Valley Conference championship, 1980.
- Won or shared Big Ten Conference championship, 1984, 1987, 1988, 1994, 1995, 1996.
- AP national coach of the year, 1996.
- Big Ten coach of the year, 1984, 1988, 1990, 1995, 1996, 2000.

# NASCAR's youth movement creating new wave of stars

BY MARK LONG

The Associated Press

DAYTONA BEACH, Fla. — As Reed Sorenson reached for the microphone, Dale Earnhardt Jr. playfully slapped his hand and snatched it away.

Sorenson had to wait his turn.

But he might not be so willing to take a back seat on the race-track. The 19-year-old Sorenson is one of several young drivers making headway in NASCAR's lower ranks and taking advantage of the sport's ongoing youth movement.

"I hope I'm leading the way," the confident Sorenson said.

So far, so good.

Sorenson finished ninth and was the top rookie in the Busch Series season opener at Daytona International Speedway last Saturday, a race that featured several drivers expected to be part of NASCAR's next group of "Young Guns."

Drivers under 24 years old include Sorenson, Ryan Hemphill, Shane Hmiel, Blake Feese, Justin Labonte, Pat Menard, Brandon Miller, Boston Reid, Martin Truex Jr., and Jon Wood.

At that age, they make young Nextel Cup stars like Junior, Kurt Busch, Kevin Harvick, Jimmie Johnson, Matt Kenseth and Ryan Newman seem over the hill.

"There's more available talent than ever before," said Lorin Ranier, who scouts talent for Chip Ganassi Racing. "We'd all like to hire Jeff Gordon and bring him to our team, but what's the chances of that happening? Not very good. So what do you do? You start looking elsewhere. You can't get the guy you want so you have to go out and find the next best thing."

For Ranier, that means spending countless hours researching drivers and poring over results, hoping to find a young Gordon or Tony Stewart. He would settle for Kasey Kahne or Kyle Busch, both of whom had successful Busch careers and are now driving full time in the Nextel Cup series.

"There's a lot of good drivers out there, but I am not looking for good drivers. I am looking for exceptional drivers," Ranier said. "It's like the NBA Draft: I'm only looking for lottery picks."



**Busch Series driver Reed Sorenson, 19, who was the top rookie in the season opener, is one of several young drivers making headway in NASCAR and taking advantage of the sport's youth movement.**

Ranier said that because of NASCAR's popularity reaching an all-time high, more children than ever are picking up the sport — and at a young age, too.

"Instead of playing basketball, a lot of kids are racing go-carts," he said.

That gives NASCAR teams a larger talent pool from which to choose drivers. It wasn't like that a decade ago, when NASCAR was much more of a family business. Fathers and sons, as well as brothers, could be found in almost any field.

But these days, sponsors want more marketable talent. So much so that 2002 Daytona 500 winner Ward Burton is out of racing and veteran drivers Jimmy Spencer, Mike Skinner and Bobby Hamilton have been relegated to the truck series.

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Lorin Ranier

Chip Ganassi Rattle

Other seats are due to open next year after Mark Martin and Rusty Wallace retire from full-time racing. Terry Labonte already is racing a limited schedule.

It's made the race to find fresh talent reach new depths. In fact, Martin's 13-year-old son, Matt, recently became the youngest driver to sign a contract with Ford. He is now racing a full-sized truck in the Fastkids Series at Orlando Speedworld.

Finding talent has become big business, too. And it's growing increasingly competitive and cut-throat.

Ford Motor Co. has sued Kahne, accusing last year's top rookie of breaking a contract requiring him race in its cars. Kahne now drives Dodges for team owner Ray Evernham.

Rick Hendrick found a loophole in Kyle Busch's contract when he was 16 years old and driving for Roush Racing in 2001, and lured him away with a more lucrative offer.

"Everybody is looking for somebody who is the complete package," Ranier said. "There are a lot of guys who are fast, but don't have the right mentality or they can't talk. You need the ones who are an exceptional driver, but are likeable and has all the extra stuff you can sell."

Sorenson, like several others on the Busch circuit, seems to have it all.

He showed it at Daytona, which was his sixth NASCAR race. He bumped and banged with Earnhardt, Harvick and eventual winner Tony Stewart before fading in the final few wild laps.

"I followed him most of the day," Harvick said. "I don't know if you guys watched him drive last year at all, but he's going to win a lot of races."

Maybe soon, too.

"He's got a lot of talent," Earnhardt said. "He doesn't do anything stupid. Even guys that are real good, they come in here early and they run over things, run over people, run into stuff. He doesn't do that."



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**Hanau's Katisha Fauntleroy, right, drives to the basket past Naples' Michelle Brown during the girls Division II championship game in Mannheim, Germany, on Saturday. Hanau defeated Naples 33-27.**

## Hanau girls edge Naples for crown

BY VIKEN DOUGHERTY

Stars and Stripes

MANNHEIM, Germany — The third time was the charm for Hanau.

After coming close the last two years, the Hanau Lady Panthers captured the Division II girls basketball title with a thrilling 33-27 victory over Naples. The title came after losses in the final and semifinals the two previous years.

"We've been waiting three years," Hanau coach Michael Lee Hunt said.

For much of the first half, it looked as if the Panthers might get snake-bitten again.

Led by guard Michelle Aguilera and forward Remona Damon, Naples jumped to a 6-0 lead. By the end of the first quarter, Naples had stacked out a 14-6 advantage and things seemed to be going its way.

The Lady Wildcats' margin grew by a point early in the second quarter before center Katisha Fauntleroy notched a couple of baskets to halt, and then reverse, the flow of the game. Also lending a hand was guard Kyri Bye-Nagel, who ran the offense and would finish the game with three steals.

The first half ended 18-14.

The Panthers seemed to start the second half with more spring in their sneakers. In addition, Naples center Mikal Willmer picked

up her third and fourth fouls just two minutes into the second half. Coach Craig Lord was forced to bench Willmer for the rest of the third quarter.

Hanau outscored Naples in the third quarter 9-4 to take a 23-22 lead into the final quarter.

Fauntleroy, who finished with 14 points and nine rebounds, said Willmer's foul trouble was a turning point of the game.

"In the first half we fell behind, but we pulled together," Fauntleroy said.

The teams were tied twice in the final quarter before Hanau slowly pulled ahead in the final minutes. Hanau was aided by Naples' foul troubles and the fact, according to Lord, that the Wildcats simply could not buy a basket.

"We had plenty of opportunities," he said, "but we couldn't put it in."

Willmer thought Naples' problems might also have been caused by a case of nerves. This was the first year Naples played at the Division II level.

"It didn't seem like we were playing at the top of our game," she said.

For Fauntleroy, reaching the pinnacle was an accomplishment to savor. After the near misses, the senior was happy to take home the title.

"We've been after this for three years," she said.

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The Rota Lady Admirals celebrate their DODDS Division III title after defeating Ansbach 41-33 on Saturday.

# Rota girls end reign of Ansbach Admirals take D-III crown, end Cougars' 33-game run

BY KEVIN DOUGHERTY

Stars and Stripes

MANNHEIM, Germany — During the regular season — if there is such a thing for the Rota Lady Admirals, given their location — Greg Jacobs will play any team.

This season, the girls basketball team from Rota, Spain, played two games against an international school from Morocco and four against the women's team on base. They won them all. Jacobs even took on a visiting Navy team fresh off the boat.

"We have so many challenges against us," Jacobs said. "We're like the ugly stepchild sometimes."

Rota isn't being overlooked now.

The Lady Admirals beat Ansbach 41-33 on Saturday to capture the Division III girls basketball title. The victory dethroned the defending champs and snapped Ansbach's 33-game winning streak, one game shy of the record Kaiserslautern established from 1998 to 2000.

"The best challenge we had all year was this team," said Ansbach senior Keke Johnson, who had nothing but praise for Rota.

Except for a few brief moments in the first half, Rota led the entire game. Leading the way, as she did for much of the tournament, was guard Samerria Crowder, who scored 13 points and grabbed 12 rebounds.

Crowder made the shot of the game in the waning seconds of the first quarter. The senior dribbled out of Rota's end of the court, pulled up from about 25 feet and hit a three-point basket to give Rota a 15-8 lead.

"That was my game-saver," Crowder said after the game as she joked with Jacobs. "I've been working on it



MICHAEL ABRAMS/Stars and Stripes

Meagan Smithyman came off the bench Saturday in the girls Division III championship game to contribute six points and eight rebounds for Rota.

all season."

Ansbach chipped away at Rota's lead in the second quarter. The Lady Cougars grabbed a one-point lead twice in the final minutes of the first half before Rota a 25-24 lead at the break.

"We really didn't shoot well in the first two games" of the tournament, said Ansbach coach Mick Plummer. "I knew [Rota] was going to get some points, so we had to score."

Ansbach managed only nine points in the second half.

Crowder, center Kerry Yudiski and reserve Meagan Smithyman played major roles in helping Rota pull away. Yudiski was a constant presence in the paint on both ends, while Smithyman had six points and eight rebounds.

"Go hard," Crowder said when asked what the key to victory was. "That was our motto all year."



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Sam Crowder's buzzer-beating three-pointer gave Rota a 15-8 lead after the first quarter.

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## Mena's heroics help Würzburg win D-I boys title

BY RUSTY BRYAN

Stars and Stripes

MANNHEIM, Germany — In the final seconds of a tightly contested championship game, one would think a player is supposed to clear his mind when approaching the foul line.

Not Würzburg's Sal Mena.

"I was thinking about the shot the whole time," Mena, a 60-percent shooter from the line, said of his thoughts as he walked the length of the floor Friday night to take the first shot of a one-and-one. "There was so much pressure."

The senior center swished both shots to hand fifth-seeded Würzburg a 41-40 victory over second-seeded Ramstein in the European Division I boys basketball title game. The victory made the Wolves the first team other than Heidelberg to win the D-I crown in six years.

The decisive shots were the exclamation point to the heroics Mena displayed all night in holding Ramstein's Brennon Relaford to a six points. The decisive foul game as Mena was rebounding a missed free throw by Relaford with 15 seconds left in the game.

"He's been an unsung hero for us the whole season," Würzburg coach Allen Archie said of Mena. "You don't hear about him all the time, but he's always there."

On Friday, he was always close to Relaford. Despite a 3-inch

height advantage over Mena, the 6-foot-5 Relaford, who scored 18 points Thursday in a 60-58 overtime victory over Kaiserslautern, was unable to get his trademark putbacks and tip-ins to fall.

Thanks to Mena and every other Wolf within range of Ramstein's foul line.

"I was just playing my heart out," Mena said of his effort to play physically and deny Relaford the ball. "My team needed me. I just thank God I have these guys to play for."

The Wolves leaned Mena even more after all-tourney player Soo Soo Taulelei injured his wrist late in the third period and spark plug guard Daniel Henry fouled out with 1:14 left.

According to Archie, Würzburg responded the way it had throughout the tournament.

"Everybody stepped up," he said. "They know they've got to step up when someone goes down."

Ramstein, which got a team-high 13 points from all-tourney guard Allen Weaver, rallied from a pair of seven-point deficits in the fourth quarter to take a 40-39 lead with 1:26 left on Whitney McCloud's three-pointer. But the Royals could get nothing else to drop.

Summed up tourney MVP Justin Gennings, who scored a game-high 14 points, "We came here to play ball."

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Würzburg's Soo Soo Taulelei, an all-tournament selection, grabs a rebound during the Wolves' 41-40 victory Friday night over Ramstein.



# Local scoreboard

## European basketball championships

MANNEHM, Germany — Results from late Friday and early Saturday at the 2005-Euro basketball tournaments:

**Boys**  
**Division I**  
**Championship**  
Würzburg 41, Ramstein 40  
Würzburg 11 17 7-41  
Ramstein 11 4 9 14-40  
**Scoring**—Würzburg: Justin Jennings (24), Daniel Herzy 7, Soo Soo Taulelei 6, Sal Mens 6, Anthony Wynack 5; Ramstein: Allen Weaver 13, Whitney McCloud 7, Brennan Belafout 7, Stephen James 4, Marquison Showers 4, Alex Chesharo 2.

**Division I all-tournament team**  
Justin Jennings (MVP), and Soo Soo Taulelei, Allen Weaver, Brennan Belafout and Allen Weaver, Ramstein; Clinton Robinson III and Quentin Strasser, Kaiserslautern; David Bradford, Wiesbaden; Justin King, Lakenheath.

**Saturday**  
**Division II**  
**Third place**  
**Championship**  
Hanau vs. Aviano  
**Division III**  
**Third place**  
**Championship**  
Vicenza 56, London Central 53

**Boys**  
**Division II**  
**Championship**  
Rota 50, Ansbach 36  
Rota 15 11 9 15-50  
Ansbach 6 6 16-36  
**Scoring**—Rota: Gilbert Mendes 12, Jason Allard 11, Eric McMillan 8, Stephen Lilly 4, Josephine Zech Hudson 2, Chris Reuter 2; Ansbach: Russell Bailey 10, Talauren Moore 8, Brandon Ochoa 8, Tyrell Brown 4, James Esters 4, Brandon Bachtel 4.

**Division I all-tournament team**  
Eric McMillan (MVP), Jason Allard and Gilbert Mendes, Rota; Russell Bailey and Talauren Moore, Ansbach; Pat Busby, Hohenfels; David Bradford, London Central; Daryl Gonzalez, Vicenza.

**Girls**  
**Division I**  
**Championship**  
Krispy Grossen (MVP) and Kaylen Bannister, Ramstein; Bianca Germs-Pfeiffer, Wiesbaden; Kasia Duda, Lakenheath; Calvin and Ree Washington, Heidelberg; Cleaun Crotty, International School of Brussels; Ebony Morris, Lakenheath.

**Division II semifinals**  
Ansbach 44, Baumholder 34  
Rota 40, Sigonella 72

**Saturday**  
**Division II**  
**Third place**  
**Championship**  
Vilsek 41, Mannheim 39

**Boys**  
**Division III**  
**Third place**  
**Championship**  
Hanau 33, Naples 27  
Hanau 18 9 10-33  
Naples 18 9 10-27  
**Scoring**—Hanau: Katsika Laura 14, Kyri Bye-Nagel 7, Emily Morris 4, Alicia Padgett 4; Naples: Katsika Laura 14, Kyri Bye-Nagel 7, Emily Morris 4, Alicia Padgett 4.

**Division III**  
**Third place**  
**Championship**  
Baumholder 47, Sigonella 44  
Baumholder 18 10 13-47  
Sigonella 18 10 13-44

**Rota**  
**Division III**  
**Third place**  
**Championship**  
Rota 41, Ansbach 33  
Rota 18 10 13-41  
Ansbach 18 10 13-33  
**Scoring**—Rota: Sam Crowder 19, Kyri Bye-Nagel 12, Brian Smithmyer 5, Jessie Brewer 4, Cindy Brock 4, Clara Crotty 2; Ansbach: Britney Madison 11, Keka Johnson 10, Alicia Centeno 6, Kate Angelo 2, Olivia Smith 2, Allison Hazen 2.

**All-tournament team**  
Sam Crowder (MVP), Cindy Brock and Kyri Bye-Nagel, Rota; Britney Madison and Keka Johnson, Ansbach; Tyrell Schellhaas, Baumholder; Jessica Mayfield, Ramberg; Liz Lally, Sigonella.

## Swimming

MUNICH, Germany — Top winners and record-breakers from the 2005 European Team Medals (gold, silver, bronze combined):

1. Stuart Seals, 72, Kingston Swimteam 55, 3; Naples Tyre Sharks 39, 4; Berlin BSC 35, 5; Sigonella Sordifish 25, 6; Würzburg Waves 27, 7; Aviano Sna Dragons 18, 8; Brussels Octopus 18, 9; Lakenheath Barracudas 15, 10; Heidelberg Sea Lions 15, 11; Victoria Mako Sharks 14, 12; Rota Tiburones 12, 13; Gelenkirchen Orcas 9, 14; Wiesbaden Whales 7, 15; Stuttgart Panthers 5, 16; Eifel Sharks 4, 17.

**Individual champions, based on combined finishes up to four races:**

**Boys**—9 and under: Alex McWhorter (Nap); 9, Akasha Trisler (Sig); 10, Micah Saspa (Nap); 11, Yona Simmons (Aly); 12, Sandra Wood (Wzbg); 13-14, Haley Horkey (Ber); 15-16, Terri Plotkin (KMC); 17-18, Betsy Howe (KMC).

**Boys**—9 and under: Aly Simons (Aly); 9, Marcus Grassmeyer (SHA); 10, Garrett McMillan (Sig); 11, Sven Beckweide (SHA); 12, Neil Warrington (KMC); 13-14, Christian North (Ber); 15-16, Konrad North (Lak); 17-19, Steve Hilbrandt (Ber).

**Short course record-breakers**—11 years girls, 50 backstroke Yona Simmons (Aly) tied 25:16 under boys, 50 breaststroke Aly Simmons (Aly) 50:15 13-14 girls, 400 freestyle Sofie Cuijs (SHA) 5:01.19, 13-14 boys, 400 freestyle Christian North (Ber) 4:20.57, 12-16 girls, 400 freestyle Terri Plotkin (KMC) 4:54.38, 13-14 boys, 400 freestyle Konrad North (Lak) 4:21.96, 17-19 girls, 400 freestyle Betsy Howe (KMC) 4:25.45, 17-19 boys, 400 freestyle Steve Hilbrandt (Ber) 4:30.19.

**Long-distance champions, 400 freestyle:** Girls—9 and under, Alex McWhorter (Nap); 9-10, Micah Saspa (Nap); 11-12, Kelsey Bailey (Sig); 13-14, Terri Plotkin (KMC); 15-16, M.A. Krogh (Heid); 17-19, Betsy Howe (KMC). Boys—9 and under, 9-10, Andrew Cardin (Nap); 11-12, Neil Warrington (KMC); 13-14, Doug McMillan (SHA); 15-16, Justin Smith (KMC); 17-19, Burak Gunsoy (SHA).

400 individual medley:

# Fight night in Wiesbaden



STEVEN KUDUK/Courtesy of U.S. Army

Ian Jackson, left, of Giebelstadt pivots away from a right hook thrown by Bashar Abdullah of Wiesbaden in a novice heavyweight bout in the Novice and Open Boxing Tournament on Friday night in the Tony Bass Fitness Center at Wiesbaden Army Airfield. Jackson won 3-2. Results in Local Scoreboard on this page.

# Rota: Admirals keep Bailey in check

## ROTA, FROM BACK PAGE

Bailey picked up his fourth foul midway through the second quarter after scoring only two points, and did not return until the beginning of the fourth quarter, when Rota was up by 13. Despite all his bench time, Bailey led Ansbach

with 10 points, eight in the final eight minutes.

Ansbach enjoyed a 33-17 rebounding edge, but the Cougars were able to convert just six of 14 offensive rebounds into baskets. Mendes was responsible for three of the misfires, sneaking behind Ansbach's 6-foot-5 Tyler Sher-

man to block put-back tries. Asked to compare winning a European basketball title to Rota's annual Division III golf championships, Allard chokes hoops. "This is more satisfying," he said. "This is a team sport."

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## Boxing

WIESBADEN, Germany — Results of the Wiesbaden Boxing event hosted at the Tony Bass Fitness Center on Friday. All bouts in the novice category.

**Team results**—1. Giessen 24, 2; Wiesbaden 23, 3; Ansbach 14, 4; Friedberg 11, 5.

**Light middleweight** Thomas De Vetter (Kies) defeated Maurice Ortiz (G), referee stopped fight 0:55 of third round.

**Middleweight** Adam Martinez (Fr) dec. Vincent Lavolpa (G), 5-0.

**Heavyweight** Joshua Jackson (G) dec. Bushar Abdullah (Kies) 5-0.

**Noteworthy**—Next event will be at Hohenfels, March 5, starting at 6 p.m. For information call Tony Lee at 624-475-576.

## Weightlifting

WIEDELBERG, Germany — Winners of the U.S. Forces-Europe Men's and Women's Powerlifting Championships will be at Hohenfels, March 5, starting at 6 p.m. For information call Tony Lee at 624-475-576.

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# Siouxers suddenly contenders after trade

## Philadelphia hoping Webber will finally be the right fit with Iverson

BY DAN GELSTON  
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PHILADELPHIA — With one bold move to acquire Chris Webber, Philadelphia went from the fringe of the Eastern Conference playoffs to instant contenders.

No more worrying about a strong second scorer to complement Allen Iverson. No more wondering how the Sixers could compete with one of the most under-sized frontcourts around.

Forget winning the Atlantic Division. Webber has the Sixers thinking about making a run to the NBA Finals.

"We're trying to make a push now," veteran guard Aaron McKie said. "You don't want to sit back and just be comfortable with making the playoffs. With everything that went down, we're trying to make a statement."

Webber brought his 21.3 points, 9.7 rebounds and 5.5 assists from Sacramento to Philadelphia (26-28) in one of two trade deadline deals by Sixers president Billy King. The other one brought a three-point specialist Rodney Rogers to the Sixers for Glenn Robinson.

Webber did not practice with the Sixers on Friday and still needs to complete a physical. Still, he was expected to be in the lineup on Saturday night when the Sixers host, of all teams, the Kings.



The Philadelphia 76ers are hoping Chris Webber will ease the scoring burden on Allen Iverson, above.

Coach Jim O'Brien had a brief conversation with the five-time All-Star forward, and Webber said he was excited about playing with Iverson. The NBA's top scorer has always wanted a legitimate No. 2, but with little luck.

Robinson, the "Big Dog," was the latest in a long line who failed in that role.

Jerry Stackhouse didn't adjust; Tim Thomas and Larry Hughes didn't get much of a chance; Toni Kukoc underachieved; Matt Harpring never fit in; and Keith Van Horn faded in the postseason.

None of them had the résumé of Webber.

"Chris Webber is a cut above most power forwards in the league, offensively," O'Brien said.

O'Brien hoped Webber would ease some of the scoring burden of Iverson, who scored 60 points in a game this year. Iverson and Webber may be the best inside-outside duo in the league besides Miami's Shaquille O'Neal and Dwyane Wade.

"Now you're in a situation where Allen doesn't have to do everything off the dribble or be the guy that has ballhandling responsibilities probably 80 percent of the time," O'Brien said.

O'Brien said Webber could do for the Sixers what Rasheed Wallace did when he was traded in midseason to Detroit last year — deliver a title.

"But Rasheed was joining a team that had back-to-back 50-win seasons," O'Brien cautioned. "As for changing the balance of power in the East, I think that all remains to be seen."

The Sixers were underized in the frontcourt, with the 6-foot-7 Kenny Thomas and 6-7 Corliss Williamson often playing at the same time. Thomas and Williamson were sent with free agent

rust Brian Skinner to the Kings for Webber.

King made a steadfast commitment to keeping the young nucleus intact, notably Andre Iguodala, center Samuel Dalembert and forward Kyle Korver. With their age and Iverson's and Webber's salaries reaching the \$20 million range in a couple of years, this could be the Sixers' core roster for a while.

And it's one that's suddenly expected to win now.

"I thought we were a playoff team already," King said. "I thought we had a real good chance to win the Atlantic Division even without making a deal. But the big trade deal gives us a better chance."

The biggest issue now could be easing Webber's fears about playing in Philly in front of their notoriously tough fans. Webber told the Sacramento Bee for Friday's edition that he initially had concerns about Philadelphia's demanding fans.

"I really worried about how the city's fans were going to accept me," he said, "but then about five minutes after the trade, (Allen Iverson) was on the phone with me, and that made me feel better."

If he'd been hearing the buzz over his arrival on talk radio and on the street, he wouldn't have to worry.

# FIFA to test ball with microchip in under-17 worlds

The Associated Press

CARDIFF, Wales — A soccer ball containing a microchip that beeps when it crosses the goal line will be tested at this year's under-17 world championship.

The International Football Association Board, which makes the rules for world soccer, agreed to the trial Saturday at its annual general meeting.

The microchip ball, which was produced by Adidas, was used in a game between Nuremberg and Nuremberg reserves on Wednesday in Germany.

The English Football Association also offered to experiment with the ball. However, the Premier League and Football League use balls made by rival manufacturers.

"Not a day goes by without technology making progress," FIFA President Sepp Blatter said. "We therefore have a duty to at least examine whether new technology could be used in football."

The under-17 worlds are set for Sept. 16-Oct. 2 in Peru. The technology most likely will not be ready for next year's World Cup in Germany.

Calls for new technology resurfaced in England after Tottenham was denied a clear goal at Manchester United on Jan. 4. Goalkeeper Roy Carroll dropped the ball behind the line, but the officials missed the call.

## Sports briefs

### Federer, Agassi win, set up Dubai semifinal

DUBAI, United Arab Emirates — Top-ranked Roger Federer and Andre Agassi beat Russian opponents in straight sets Saturday to set up a semifinal in the Dubai Open.

Federer, seeded first and the two-time defending champion, defeated Mikhail Yuzhnyy 6-3, 7-5 in a quarterfinal while fourth-seeded Agassi downed Nikolay Davydenko 6-4, 7-6 (4). Federer and Agassi were to meet later in the day for a spot in the title match.

In Saturday's other semifinal, big-serving Ivan Ljubicic of Croatia easily beat fifth-seeded Tommy Robredo of Spain 6-4, 6-3.

Federer won the first set in 36 minutes. Yuzhnyy, who won a career-high 42 matches in 2004, started the second with a break.

Federer broke back immediately and broke again in the 11th game.

Federer has beaten Agassi five straight times, including the Australian Open quarterfinals, after losing the first three. Agassi last beat Federer in 2002.

### Sharapova wins Qatar title

DOHA, Qatar — Wimbledon

champion Maria Sharapova won her second WTA Tour title this month, rallying past Alicia Molik of Australia 4-6, 6-1, 6-4 Saturday in the Qatar Open final.

Sharapova, seeded second, captured her ninth career title. She won the Tokyo Open this month, then took two weeks off to recover from the flu.

Molik, seeded fourth, broke the third game for the first set and appeared in position for her second title of 2005 after winning in Sydney, Australia, last month.

### Raich wins giant slalom; Miller loses giant course

KRANJSKA GORA, Slovenia — Benjamin Raich led a 12 Austrian finish Saturday in a giant slalom and drew closer to overall World Cup leader Bode Miller, who lost a ski during the second run and slid off the course.

Raich was followed by Hermann Maier and Kalle Palander of Finland. Daron Rahivovs of the United States was fifth.

"It's a big victory for me here," Raich said. "Bode went out, but you never hope the opposition will go out."

Miller lost a ski while in the lead at the first split of the final run, giving up valuable points in his bid to become the first American to win the overall title in 22 years. His lead over Raich has been cut to 91 points with seven races to go.

Raich covered the icy Podkoren course in a combined time of 2 minutes, 43.73 seconds. Maier, the reigning giant slalom world champion, was 0.45 seconds behind. Palander, the first-leg leader, was 0.79 seconds off the winning time.

Miller of Franconia, N.H., led by 0.32 seconds at the first interval before his right leg went wide on a turn and his ski became dislodged after slamming into a bump. He continued skiing down several gates then stopped at the side fence, looking at the sky in disarray and disbelief.

### Downhill victory gives Pearson wins in four disciplines

SAN SCARICIO, Italy — Sweden's Anja Pearson became the second female skier in history to win World Cup races in all four disciplines in a season with her first downhill victory Saturday.

Pearson, who increased her overall World Cup lead, was followed by Croatia's Janica Kostelic and Germany's Hilde Gerg.

Pearson began racing all four disciplines only last season, when she won the overall World Cup title.

"It's come so fast this year," she said. "It's maybe my biggest victory. Every race I've won is special, but when I look back on my career, one of the biggest things will be today."

Pearson had a winning time of

1 minute, 52.86 seconds, finishing 0.24 seconds ahead of Kostelic and 0.98 ahead of Gerg. The top North Americans were Canadian Emily Brydon (fifth) and Americans Lindsey Kildow (seventh) and Julia Mancuso (ninth).

Pearson matched the feat set by Austria's Petra Kronberger in 1990-91. Kronberger also won a combined race that season, giving her a fifth victory in an event combining downhill and slalom results.

Pearson will have a chance to win a combined Sunday in the final race this weekend on the course that will be used at next year's Turin Olympics. Pearson inaugurated the course by winning a World Cup super giant slalom on the first time on Friday.

### Soto defeats Reyes, set for IBF title bout

LAS VEGAS — Omar Soto of Mexico took a 12-round unanimous decision over former world champion, Daniel Reyes of Colombia in their IBF mini-flyweight title elimination bout Friday night. The victory puts Soto in a title bout later this year against IBF world champion, Shakhramiddin Rachmanov of Indonesia.

The 25-year-old Soto (15-2-1 with 10 knockouts) won by scores of 118-110, 118-110, 115-113. The 31-year-old Reyes, the IBF mini-flyweight champion in 2003 and 2004, is 34-3-1 with 29 knockouts.





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## Rota rolls in Div. III

Mendez, Allard lift Admirals over Ansbach in title game

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MANNHEIM, Germany — Two of Europe's best high school golfers helped the Rota Admirals tee off on foul-plagued Ansbach on Saturday, claiming the European Division III boys basketball championship with a 50-36 victory over the top-seeded Cougars.

Led by 19 points — 12 on three-point shots — from 2003 European golf champion Gilbert Mendez and 11 from golfing partner Jason Allard, the Admirals responded to a 6-0 deficit with a 16-0 run over the next five minutes. According to Allard, it was an unusual situation for Rota.

"We're a second-half team," he said. "Being ahead in the first half really helped."

The Admirals were ahead largely as the result of seven first-quarter turnovers by Ansbach. For the game, Rota forced 18 turnovers and committed only eight.

"The whole team kept their heads in the game," said tournament MVP Eric McMillan, who scored eight points for Rota. "We have a good coaching staff."

Rota head coach Ben Anderson said experience was a factor as his team "played error-free basketball."

"Our three guards have been together for three years," he said. "That's very unusual in DODDS."

Also unusual is that Rota plays few DODDS teams during the regular season. But the Admirals still get plenty of time playing together, mainly against Spanish club teams and on-base teams.

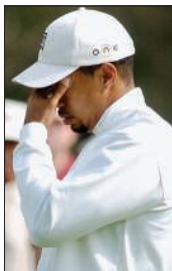
"We don't get that many games in Spain," Mendez said, "but we get good competition. We felt good about competing up here."

Contributing to their success on Saturday was the early exit of Ansbach's Russell Bailey, an All-European who's one of the most feared players in DODDS.



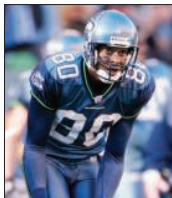
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Rota's Gilbert Mendez goes up for a basket as Ansbach's Tyler Sherman tries to stop him Saturday in Mannheim, Germany. At right is Ansbach's Russel Bailey. Mendez scored 19 points in Rota's 50-36 victory.



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Late finish for Division II boys basketball

Saturday night's Division II boys basketball championship game between Hanau and Aviano began too late to be reported in Sunday's paper. Full coverage of the game will be in Monday's edition.

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